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## THE MONTH OF VALUES- RAMADAN



**Ramadan**, Arabic **Ramaḍān**, in Islam, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar and the holy month of fasting. It begins and ends with the appearance of the cre-  
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cent moon. This year the holy Month began from 15 April and ended on 16th May 2021. During this month the department of Islamic Education conducted a variety of well-organized exciting competitions.

The objective of these events was to encourage students to showcase their skills and to reap the maximum benefits of the blessed month of Ramadan.

There were four events, namely:

- Qur'an Recitation/Memorization/Tafseer Competition
- Hadith Memorization Competition
- Story-Telling/Elocution/Ex-Tempore Competition
- Islamic Quiz Competition



## Message From Vice Principal

### Greetings to All!

As the world wrestles with the unprecedented implications of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, I pray and trust that this letter finds you and your family well and hope all of You are taking Precautions to stay safe & healthy.

The current times witnessed UAE tightening all measures to curb the spread of the coronavirus. The school's student-parental community has also come to terms with what is expected to be a protracted remote learning season. In the light of these developments, the school join hands with the nation and has braced and steadied up to do things that brings forth gratification and content for the students and our community at large. Our institution has tackled all challenges that has risen in this transition from the classroom learning to the e-learning module by re-prioritizing and up- skilling teachers and staff. Needless to mention, our immediate precedence is the well-being of our students and nothing else do we focus upon with more prominence. Apparently continuing to deliver quality education through equipping and training staff to use digital tools, innovating educational content, and actively communicating with parents, school leaders and educators and catering to satisfy the needs and constraints of students and their learning strategy has been our concern.

we in Alain Juniors strongly believe that, now is the right time to do something extraordinary, things that are pertinent and worthwhile to man, especially our youth. We are convinced that as we head out of this pandemic, we would emerge with an un-usual power to change the world. Create a world of care. A world where we are kind to each other no matter what class, race, religion or job we have. A better phase would ascend out of this darkened period. With this recognition let us make care and kindness -our roadmap, when we would be liberated from this combat; the battle with this 'flagrant foe'- the Corona Virus.

Alain Juniors School is committed to creating an environment that is safe and academically focused and provides pastoral care and guidance to the subtle youth. We know that learning happens with fine instruction and replication to make knowledge meaningful. We aspire to be the best at teaching and learning, using research-based instructional strategies to meet the needs of all students. We also believe that rewards are greatest when shared in collaboration. I urge all parents to please continue to stay in touch with your child's teachers and thus join hand-in hand in this never-ending process of molding and shaping young minds, for I believe together we can harvest the goodness in our youth.

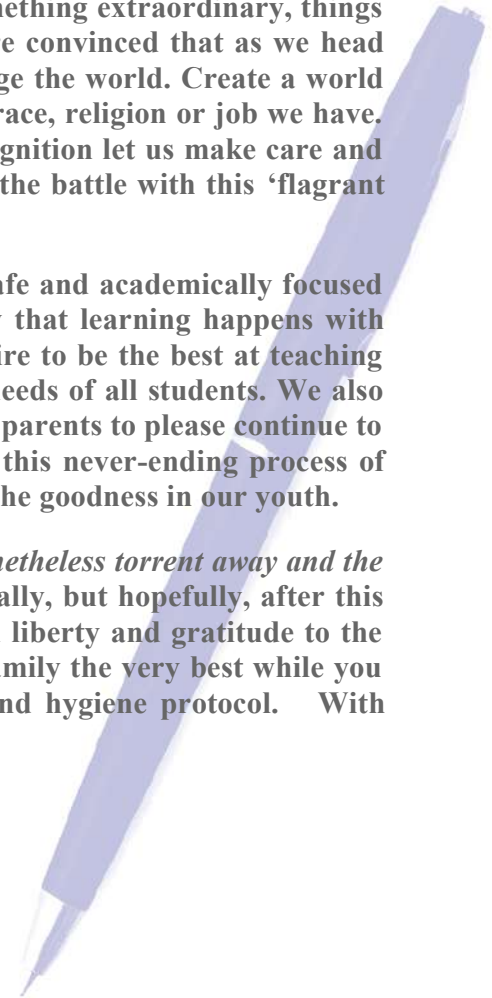
*'Every cloud has a silver lining'. The cloud of this pandemic too would nonetheless torrent away and the 'silver lining' would gleam for sure. Life will get back to normal eventually, but hopefully, after this experience is over, our lives will include more of appreciation of human liberty and gratitude to the Almighty. The entire team of Alain Juniors School wish you and your family the very best while you follow the Government's guidelines by maintaining social distancing and hygiene protocol. With this positive note, wish you the very best in life.*

Best wishes

Mrs. Humera Sharief

Vice Principal

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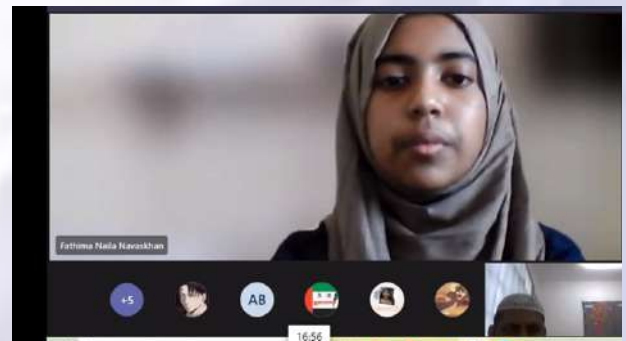
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The students were divided into 4 categories: Sub-Juniors, Juniors, Seniors and Super-Seniors. The level of challenge for each competition was decided based on the students' class and age level.

The number of students that registered for the events was overwhelming and the competition intense. In most of the

competitions, each of the top 3 positions were shared by 2 or more students. All events were conducted on Microsoft Teams. The programme was coordinated by Mrs Huma, Mr Maqsood and Mr Zuhair Azmi (HoD) with teachers from Arabic and other departments contributing as judges.



Al Ain Juniors students celebrated Earth Day 2021 with much enthusiasm and excitement during the Thursday activity on April 22nd 2021. The Theme for this year was " TOGETHER WE CAN RESTORE THE EARTH" Students were engaged in making Plastic Bottle Planter thus encouraging students to go green with recyclable items and learn the value of Respect for Planet Earth and do their bit in contributing to go green and maintain their little gardens and balcony with plants.



## STEP UP SHABAB –Towards the next 50



Abu-Dhabi University organised the step up Shabab competition, the final event was held on 17th April 2021. The competition mainly focused on the innovation of the students. We got the opportunity to present our ideas to the panel of respected judges. This was also a learning experience as we were able to discover a lot of new information from other teams who were also invited to present their ideas.

The themes for the completion were mainly about sustainability and green innovation, well-being in the times of COVID-19, social innovation, and future technologies for the UAE. We were asked to send ideas to the University, under the mentorship of Noufal Sir, we came up with two ideas: -

Naturals Sustainable Newspaper under the Theme sustainability and green innovation.

Naturals Toothpaste Tablets under the theme

social innovation.

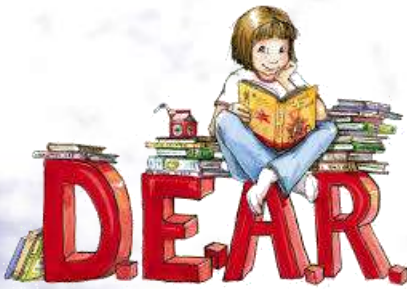
Due to our extensive research and scrutinization, both of our ideas got selected and were asked to present our ideas at the final event and won the first prize.

*Natural's* newspaper is the world first 100% sustainable newspaper which is made from 100% biodegradable components. We came up with the idea as we found out the importance of paper in our everyday life but also found about the dark side of the paper as the very life cycle of paper is damaging to the environment. Newspaper is an irremovable part of our life as we always yearn for knowledge.

Naturals Toothpaste is the world's first 100% sustainable toothpaste tablets made up of 100% biodegradable items. It is an alternate solution to the traditional toothpaste which is made up of plastic adding to the plastic problem and is contributing to global warming. It is more convenient, reliable, and stylish.

# CONGRATULATIONS!!!

## READING Month -2021



Reading relaxes your mind, body and soul. Sitting comfortable on a chair or sofa and opening yourself to the world of books can do wonders. Books are truly men's best friend. Reading improves a person's

knowledge and wisdom but it also gives a sense of pleasure. In order to imbibe the interest in reading and develop reading skills Al Ain Juniors celebrated month of April as the month of Reading. The month was celebrated with number of activities planned to encourage reading among students.

### THE CHARACTER PARADE

The Character Parade was a lively competition which painted a smile across everyone's face. Where we witnessed our favourite characters come to life. Students dressed up as their favourite figures, ranging from Little Miss Perfect - Hermione Granger to the cryptic and melancholy character style of Hamlet. Everyone resembled the characters so much, you would mistake them for the real persona. Watching everyone perform their roles brought us right back to the moment when we were flipping through the pages of the books. I am definitely sure everyone agrees with me when I say that the program was absolutely mesmerizing and refreshing.



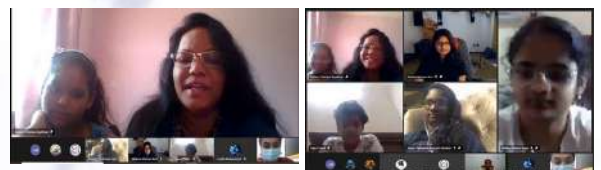
### BE A CRITIC

Being a critic was an ingenious program that put us on the seat of a critic. Each student picked a book, judged the book upon its writing, explaining our favourite parts, pointing out glitches in the story and enumerating the different characters in the book. Whilst put on the seat, we were unquestionably overwhelmed as it was the first time, we ever experienced being the judge and not the constant. Frankly, it was one of the best competitions we had come across and loved it full heartedly. I don't have enough words to thank you the teachers for creating this competition as it was fun but educative simultaneously.

### TRUMPED UP STORIES WITH PARENTS

Storytelling is a unique way for students to develop an understanding, show respect and appreciation for other cultures, and promote a positive attitude towards people of different lands and cultures. During the month of April, which was observed as the Month of Reading, few parents volunteered to read aloud stories to the students during school hours to evoke the habit of reading and to engage them with books. This activity also helped to further strengthen the partnership between the school, parents and students.

The students excitedly lent their ears to the new stories read by the parents while each parent got to share a story of their choice. This was a very exciting and thrilling experience for both the parents and students and was greatly appreciated by the students.



**CHALLENGE YOURSELF**

During this activity, the students were expected to narrate the conclusion of one their favorite books that they had read, and then to challenge themselves to construct another alternative climax for the story which would have been more interesting than the original conclusion.

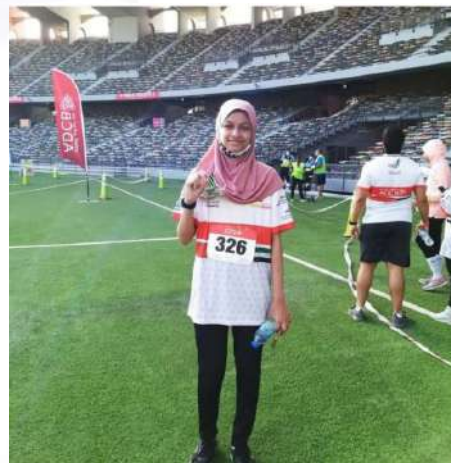
The main objective of this activity was to broaden the imagination and creativity of the students, along with improving reading and writing skills of the students. Here’s what one of the partakers had to say about the challenge:

“I was excited to brainstorm and express my new and creative ideas! I was totally satisfied with the results as well!”

**DROP EVERYTHING AND READ**



**Success stories continues at AJ**



**Congratulations** to our amazing runner. Shivani TK winning the overall 1st place in the 3K female category and Sumayyah S who finished 3rd under the 17 female category in the ETISALAT Run at Al Hudayriyat.

**Congratulations** to Sumayyah S for winning 1st place U17 category and overall 3rd place in the ADCB Zayed Sports City Run at the iconic Zayed Football Stadium.

**Congratulations** to Shivani T K for winning 1st place in the Run for Smiles initiative presented by the Abu Dhabi Sport Council in collaboration with Al Ain Zoo celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Operation Smile in the UAE.



**Congratulations to the winners of the Al Ain Malayali Samajam (AMS) Fitness challenge**



## Winners List

1. Aliya Nujum Nawas - Grade 7 - First place in Jumping Lungs and third place in push up
2. Navaneet Menon - Grade 5—second place in push up
3. Nivedya Menon - Grade 8—First place in chess competition
4. Joha George - Grade 6 - Second place in Foot ball juggling
5. Mithul Geevarghese—Grade 7—First place Foot ball juggling
6. Hrishikesh Vinod - Second place in Single leg Stance and Third place in skipping
7. Hussain - PE coordinator—skipping



**Congratulations !!** Aaliya Burhan of Grade 10 for becoming the "Mega Winner" of Mehraj-2" a Singing reality show organized by UBL TV - A Dubai-based Indian TV Channel. She was awarded the Mega Winner after she successfully competed with more than 300 participants in the preliminary rounds and 11 contestants, in three rounds in the grand finale.

**Congratulations to all the Winners**