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# FLAG DAY



The annual Flag Day celebration on November 3rd is a day to praise the accession of Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan as the president of the UAE. It is also where the citizens of UAE stand with pride and courage to raise the country's flag and salute for those who sacrificed for the sake of the country and creating this excellent nation of what we know today.

The students of Al Ain Juniors School united at the campus to commemorate the flag-raising ceremony. The student council representing both the AJB and AJI along with the junior student council stood together with the Emirati students to raise the UAE flag. Meanwhile, the rest of the student body formed an orderly line, extending from the assembly area to the football field. Before raising the flag, our beloved principal, Mr. Gaffar, gave a memorable speech on how we as UAE citizens should come together and be forever grateful to those who established this country and proudly raise the flag.

As the flag ascended, the national anthem played while the students sang along and excitedly waved their flags with pure joy. The students proudly joined together to sing their national anthem, creating a moment of unity and patriotism. The anthem symbolized the nation's remarkable journey from humble beginnings to a beacon of progress. This collective singing became a powerful manifestation of the UAE's shared identity, reflecting pride in the heritage and commitment to a future of collective success and prosperity in the Middle East.



Our chairman, Mr. Arshad, along with Mr. Omar Farooq gave a small closing speech about the flag day and how the student body showed profound respect towards the country with pride and excitement. It was truly a wonderful day for the UAE and its people.

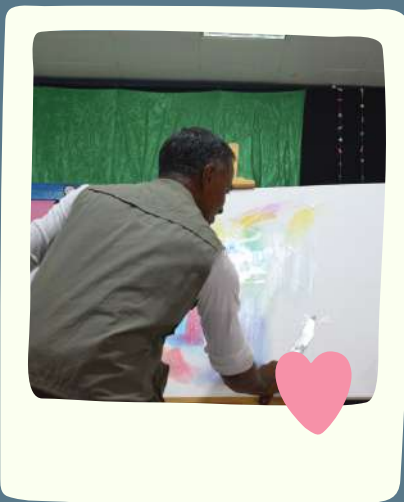




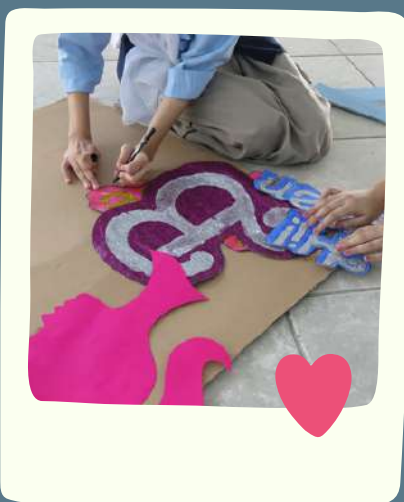
# BLINK Fair



On Friday, the 3rd of November, 2023, Al Ain Juniors School hosted the long awaited BLINK fair. The BLINK fair is a fundraiser that takes place annually, in which money is raised to be donated to charities supporting breast cancer and diabetes patients. BLINK fair spreads awareness about these conditions and highlights their impact on communities. It was sponsored by NMC and Burjeel Hospital, which also provided health consultation and an opportunity to donate blood.



The BLINK fair consisted of game stalls by grades 7 to 9, food stalls by grades 10 to 12, henna, face paint, and jewellery stalls alongside a ping pong table, a photo booth, a FIFA tournament, and live art by our art teacher Mr. Murugu. The event was open to people all across Al Ain with numerous students, teachers, parents, and alumni attending the event to show their support for the cause.



Holding an event of this magnitude is no easy feat, which is why the entire school worked day and night to ensure that all the preparations were carried out smoothly and efficiently. This was all possible due to each and every individual carrying out their respective job and taking responsibility. Class teachers with the assigned class representatives, assisted their students in planning the games at each stall,

and how their stalls would be decorated and run. The stalls were each uniquely beautiful, showcasing the skill and creativity of each class. There may have been few ups and downs in everyone's stall but with help and the dedication of each student to earn more than the other stalls, they turned out to be a huge success!



The evening kicked off with an inauguration ceremony hosted by Ahmed Sherif, followed by the ribbon cutting by the student council and management to officially commence the event. There were a total of 12 game stalls including 'Lucky Paradise', 'fliptactoe' and 'The Extreme Spectacle Race' as well as 7 food stalls and 1 restaurant, all of which were well organized and were a big hit with all the guests. The atmosphere throughout the event was extremely lively and joyful, and an abundant amount of funds were raised for charity that evening.



It goes without say that the BLINK fair was a massive success. We would like to extend our gratitude to all the teachers, management, staff members, finance team, student council members, volunteers, and guests for helping make this event as magnificent and momentous as it was.





# Support Staff Appreciation



## *Honouring the Unsung Heroes*

In a heart-warming celebration that echoed through the corridors of gratitude, on November 16th – the student council of Al Ain Juniors school hosted an appreciation ceremony to the often “unsung heroes”, -The support staff, who form the backbone of our institution. The spotlight was shifted to those individuals whose unwavering dedication and tireless efforts contribute immeasurably to the smooth functioning of our school. Each and every support staff member were honoured on the stage. The atmosphere was charged with positivity as the students, teachers and the administrators were gathered there to express their gratitude to the indispensable members of our school community.

The ceremony was a poignant reminder, that behind every successful institution there are individuals who work tirelessly in shadows. By honouring them, the Al Ain Juniors community had given a great message that in every organisation each and every one’s role matters a lot.

*“ The way to achieve your own success is, to be willing to help somebody else get it first. ”*





# BOYS INTERHOUSE COMPETITIONS

*On November 10, 2023, the highly anticipated interhouse competition unfolded, as the four houses—Rapids, Flames, Tornadoes, and Rockies—engaged in fierce football and basketball matches.*

The big showdown for the best house in the 2023-2024 academic year is about to kick off. The houses are ready to rumble, all aiming for that top spot!



## FOOTBALL



Football started with a match between Rockies and Flames, where it went without concession in open play and so a penalty shootout was conducted, and Flames came out on top due to the brilliant one-man performance of Mohd. Riad.

The second football match was between Rapids and Tornadoes, where Rapids went 1-0 with a screamer of a goal scored directly from a corner kick by Mohammed Saif, said to be the Emirati R9, during the game, it could be noticed how well the Rapids players communicated and had that team chemistry built from the defence all the way to the attack, while Tornadoes were more technical with dribbling and passing with players like Ali Motasim and Mubarak but at the final whistle, the mighty Rapids defence was able to hold off the any further attacks and the match resulted in 1-0 victory to Rapids.

The pinnacle of anticipation arrived with the final match, featuring the intense Flames against the highly motivated Rapids. After a couple of minutes of open playing, multiple impressive clearances and saves were made by both school teams' defenders and goalkeepers, and ending open play with a 0-0 result, leading it to be decided by penalties. Tensions rose as penalties started, both teams on a euphoric high of adrenaline as the first penalties continued into the 0-0 scoreline the third penalty for both teams was scored making the score 1-1 and moving forward to sudden death penalties, it was truly anyone's game. Penalty taker Karim Amr within a blink of an eye smashed his penalty right past the goalkeeper giving Rapids all.....



the breathing room needed to finish the game off with a goal-line save by Yusuf Amr to end what was a rollercoaster of a match with a 2-1 win to Rapids, making them the Champions of Senior Football.

### Winning Team:

- Mohd. Saif (Attacker)
- Karim Amr (Attacker)
- Khalid Osama (Attack)
- Mogamal (Defence)
- Mohd. Noor (Defence)
- Abdulrehman (Defender)
- Yusuf Amr (Goalkeeper)



## BASKETBALL



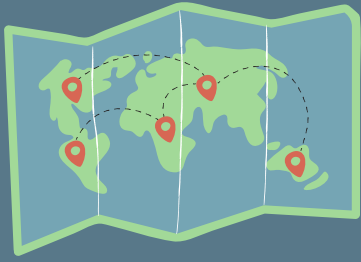
Basketball wasn't any less impressive compared to football as the 4 houses had very serious basketball talents and it was very difficult to judge which team would win without seeing them battling it out. The first basketball match was between Rapids and Tornadoes, where Rapids showed pure dominance in performance, the game ended with a score of 15-2 to Rapids and they qualified for the finals.



The second basketball game was equally as impressive between Rockies and Flames as Rockies had a very special link-up between Mohammed Bin Mahmood, Mohammed Nashat and Aryan Tamang. Rockies managed to put in 17 points to 4 points against Flames sending them to the finals to play against Rapids.

As both teams approached the field, they were asked to take a group photo and shake hands, and then the match commenced. It was very tight between both teams as Rapids had a very good fast attacking tactic while Rockies had outstanding shooters, it was also very physically demanding as players had to push and grab to make their way to the basket. At the end of the match Rapids were 8 points to 4 points and went on to be crowned Champions of Basketball.





# SCHOOL TRIPS



*On the 11th of November, the school held a field trip for the students of AJ, to give them a nice break from all the stress of studying. The hallways were full of chit chat about the trip, showing joy and excitement present within each student. The students were split; the boys went to Atlantis Waterpark and the girls went to Motiongate Dubai.*

The students reported to school early in the morning, the bustling crowds of students led to a slight delay in the arrival of the girls to Motiongate, while boys reached their destination on time. The ride was 2 hours and 30 minutes for both trips. Both trips were given certain necessities such as food, water and devices, along with a meal coupon for a meal of their choice at the venue.

On the long ride to Dubai the students were having a blast on the bus, playing music, singing along and simply enjoying themselves. The weather seemed to be a bit cloudy with occasional sunshine paired up with the bursts of the cool breeze, it was exceptional weather making for a better experience for both groups. The boys got to enjoy an expansive waterpark, with many thrilling rides such as Neptune's Tower, Poseidon's Tower and Trident Tower. Trident Tower being the tallest in the park, looked stunning and had many rides as well as the other towers. A lot of other students from different schools were also present at the waterpark, which for some would mean meeting old friends, but for others it simply boiled down to a longer waiting period for the rides. There were near vertical drops, slides leading into an aquarium full of sharks, a beautiful beach with a view of the big city. Altogether, it was an amazing experience made better by being able to spend quality time with friends and teachers.





As for the girls, their eyes were stained with the captivating attractions and fun rides along with the movie theme. Motiongate brings beloved cinematic stories to life from studios like DreamWorks, Sony pictures, and Lionsgate. The adventure began through the Hollywood zone where you can enjoy the studio tour for behind the scenes in filmmaking. Next, the DreamWorks zone where you can see many family-friendly attractions like Shrek's storytelling ride which takes you through Shrek's life and his adventures, along with many more rides like the Madagascar mad pursuit which is the fastest roller coaster in Motiongate and one of the fastest rollercoasters in the world carrying the speed of 83 km/h. The Columbia Pictures zone features many other cool rides like the green hornet roller coaster! There were also many live performances, which everyone loved. Although the trip was exhausting, everyone still had an enjoyable time experiencing the cinematic adventure at Motiongate!

Alas, the joy of the trip slowly faded as they were called back to return to their designated classes and school buses. The trip's aftermath was still full of energy as girls and boys rushed to reunite with classmates and friends and share their experiences. The bus rides were overflowing with energy and joy from the students as they danced to music in the buses. Of course, some exhausted students fell into a slumber amidst the deafening chatter of other students. The students arrived back at school that evening with memories that'll stick with them for a lifetime.





# Commemoration



## Day



Commemoration Day, previously known as Martyr's Day, is marked annually on 30th November, to honour the fallen soldiers who have bravely served the UAE. At 11:30 am to 11:31 am, 1 minute of silence was observed to pray and honour the fallen soldiers. Schools all across UAE silently prayed in their hearts for the fallen soldiers for 1 minute. After the silence, the students saluted in attention, as the flag was being raised, singing the national anthem whole-heartedly.







# Children's Day



*“Children are the world’s most valuable resources and its best hope for the future.”*

– John F. Kennedy-1963



As much as Al Ain Juniors School values the academics of its students, it never fails to allow them an opportunity to express themselves and take a break from the workload that comes with school. And in what better way than giving students a day to relax and have fun with their peers? Hence, Children’s Day was celebrated on the 17th of November at AIB. Students exhibited their creative and individual styles by dressing up as their favorite characters.

Upon the students’ arrival to their classrooms, teachers gave each student a special gift – their very own souvenir from the school. It was a drawstring bag, marked with the initials of the school hence leaving a nice memory to the students. By 9:05 AM, the students were to assemble for the program hosted by AIB secondary teachers. It started with the national anthem, along with some verses of the holy Quran by Mr. Magdy. The fun began when the Arabic and Islamic departments played a short interactive game with the students in which not only prizes were given but punishments too. Then, an athletic competition was held by Mr. Sayed, a push-up challenge for the male students. Some students from each class came along on stage, and the challenge was that whoever did push-ups for the longest time would win. In addition to this, Mr. Sayed also performed push-ups on stage, and in between two tables, which dazzled the student audience.



Soon after, a special Bollywood dance performance was presented by Ms. Sonu, Ms. Aswathi, Ms. Nithya, and Ms. Ayesha. The performance amazed the students, who were surprised by their teachers' dancing skills. Then came the most awaited segment of the event - the teachers' skit. The teachers portrayed what a typical classroom environment looks like. As usual, the students enjoyed the thrilling skit. The teachers involved were Ms. Meera, Ms. Rawdah, Ms. Asma, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Zafar, Mr. Tanzeem, Mr. Tanveer, Mr. Jalal, and Mr. Salman.



Following the teachers' departure off the stage, all of the costumed students were called up to display their incredible outfits that showcased their creativity. And of course, teachers immediately returned to action with a table tennis match against the students, in which - despite a few close calls - the students triumphed.

Up next was an inspiring rap song by Mr. Omale, dedicated to women, and especially mothers which greatly stirred the audience as they cheered him on at full volume. Following these events came an unexpected one; it was a re-enactment of a scene from the TV show 'Friends'. This was performed by the teachers Mr. Joel, Mr. Salman, Mr. Zafar, Mr. Manoj, Mr. Edrian, Ms. Bency, Ms. Ayesha, Ms. Nithya, and Ms. Sonu.





Children's Day at Al Ain Juniors School created a vibrant and exciting atmosphere as it wasn't just a sequence of events, it was a shared outpouring of joy and togetherness that the school faculty worked hard to prepare for. Participants, including students and teachers, enjoyed the shared moments of celebration thus creating memories that will live on in the hearts of all. We must seize the opportunity to honor Children's Day by establishing an environment in which every kid may thrive. A child's laughter contains the music of a more promising and happier future. We wish all the students a **happy Children's Day!**





# SPORTS DAY



*“You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.”*

— **Wayne Gretzky**

Sports are vital to our well-being, besides being a key aspect of living a healthy life, they instill discipline, resilience, and teamwork in us. The Annual Sports Meet provides an opportunity to celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship and appreciate our talented athletes.



The 25th of November, 2023, marked the Sustainable Sprint Annual Sports Meet and National Day Celebration, held at the Al Ain Club for People of Determination Stadium. This prestigious event fused celebration and unity, as Sports Day and UAE National Day converged, adding a layer of pride and patriotism to the festivities. The event was themed around sustainability and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.



On the 16th of November, 2023, students participated in HEATs, a series of competitions to determine the final set of skilled participants in various sports categories. These included the long jump, high jump, shot put, and relays and races of different distances held in Wadi Park.



The event commenced with the Quran Recitation and UAE National Anthem, followed by the incredible march past led by the guard of honor, and involved the AJB and AJI student council, students arranged housewise, and performances regarding sustainable development with stunning banners displaying inspirational messages. This was followed by the welcome address by Mr. Gaffar, the management address, and the declaration of the sports meet by our esteemed chief guest.

Then came the oath-taking ceremony, in which members of the student council pledged to honor the spirit of sportsmanship. The torch-bearing ceremony marked the opening of the sports meet, as a group of athletic students sprinted on the tracks with the torch, filling the immeasurable crowds with enthusiasm.

A spectacular sequence of drills then followed, which were performed by students from grades 1-6 of both AJI and AJB. The drills emulated the theme of sustainability with creative costumes and dances being enmeshed in each unique performance. AJI students of grades 7-12 proudly displayed the EcoBridge; an Indo-UAE collaborative canvas, which aims to spread awareness about climate change and its potential impacts.







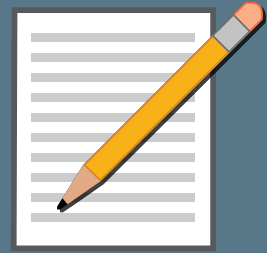
The sustainable fusion by AJB students of grades 7-12 was a highlight from that evening. A set of performances by the choir and other students, as well as comedic storytelling, explained how humanity's greed and actions have harmed the environment and how this damage can be reversed through a collective effort to live in a more sustainable and eco-friendly manner.

Next, the track and field events began, in which students of all ages showcased their impressive athletic abilities. This included the 50m race, 100m race, relay race, high jump and long jump. It was a thrilling sight to behold as each student gave their all during these events. This was evident during the renowned award ceremony, in which trophies and medals were awarded to individual students as well as the winning house in each category to honor their dedication and skill.

The sports meet was undoubtedly a memorable experience for all. We congratulate all students for their spectacular accomplishments. We convey our thanks to the management, teachers, PE department, support staff, volunteers, and students for their tireless efforts put into making this event as outstanding as it was.



# Spelling Bee



*On the 27th of November 2023, Al Ain Juniors School hosted a spelling bee competition, in which students from grades 7 to 12, both AIB and AII, took part. With fierce competition from both sides, the spelling bee competition was very captivating.*

There were 2 categories, Grade 7-8 and Grade 9-12, both go through 5 different rounds and a bonus optional round:

## Rounds



- **Round 1** - Direct, where 3 words were given and each member should answer. 5 points are awarded for each word answered correctly.
- **Round 2** - Rapid, where 3 words were given but this time, there was a 15-second time limit, all members or 1 member of the team could answer. 5 points are awarded for each correct answer.
- **Round 3** - Theme, 2 words per team, anyone or jointly can answer. 5 points are awarded for each correct answer.
- **Round 4** - Meaning, 2 meanings were given, and the participants were to guess the word and spell it, anyone could answer or jointly answer in the team. 10 points are awarded for each correct answer.
- **Round 5** - Picture, 1 picture per team, only one member from each team can answer. Only 10 seconds to answer, and a whopping 20 marks awarded for the correct answer.
- **Round 6** - Double or nothing, an optional round where a picture will be shown and if answered correctly, the team's overall points will be doubled, however, if answered incorrectly, the team will lose all their points.



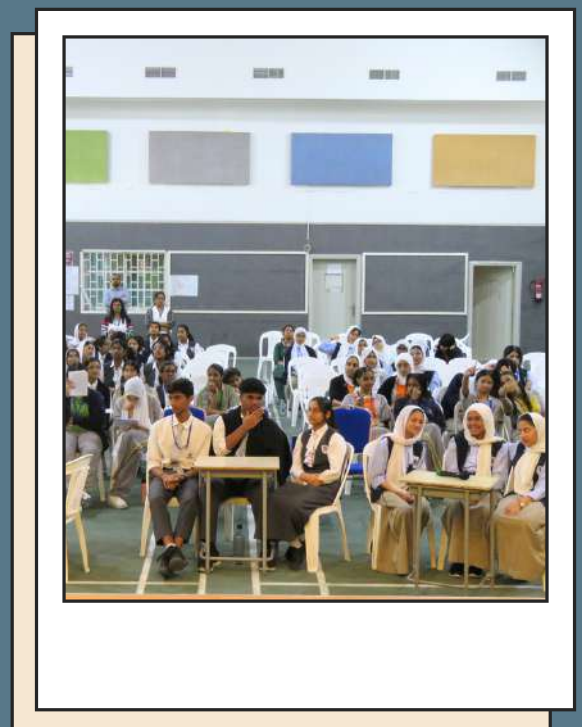
## Grade 7-8

The grade 7-8 was first, with AII grade 7, dominating first place, followed by AIB grade 8 and AII grade 8. All teams didn't take the double or nothing round, thinking it would be too risky, and rightfully so.

<b>AJB</b>	<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Round 2</b>	<b>Round 3</b>	<b>Round 4</b>	<b>Round 5</b>	<b>Round 6</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Grade 7</b>		10		10		Didn't take	20
<b>Grade 8</b>	10	15	10	15	20	Didn't take	70
<b>AJI</b>	<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Round 2</b>	<b>Round 3</b>	<b>Round 4</b>	<b>Round 5</b>	<b>Round 6</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Grade 7</b>	10	15	10	15	20	Didn't take	80
<b>Grade 8</b>	10	10	10	15	20	Didn't take	65

## Grade 9-12

The Grade 9-12's was next, a total of 8 teams were against each other, from both AII and AIB. This match was a close one, this match had lots of teams in third and second place, and two in first place. Talented students indeed. The ones on top were Grade 11 AIB and Grade 12 AII, each with 55 points, and were given a final round, where they were given a meaning and had to spell out the word. The team that won was AIB grade 11 students, with a total of 60 points with grade 12 AII coming in at second place with 55 points. Third place was given to Grade 9 AII with 50 points.





	Grade 9		Grade 10		Grade 11		Grade 12	
	AJI	AJB	AJI	AJB	AJI	AJB	AJI	AJB
Round 1	15	10	15	5	15	15	15	15
Round 2	15	15	15	10	15	15	15	10
Round 3	5	10	10	5	5	10	10	10
Round 4	10	5	5	10	5	10	10	5
Round 5	5	0	0	0	5	5	5	0
Round 6	Didn't							
Final Results	55	40	45	30	40	60	55	40



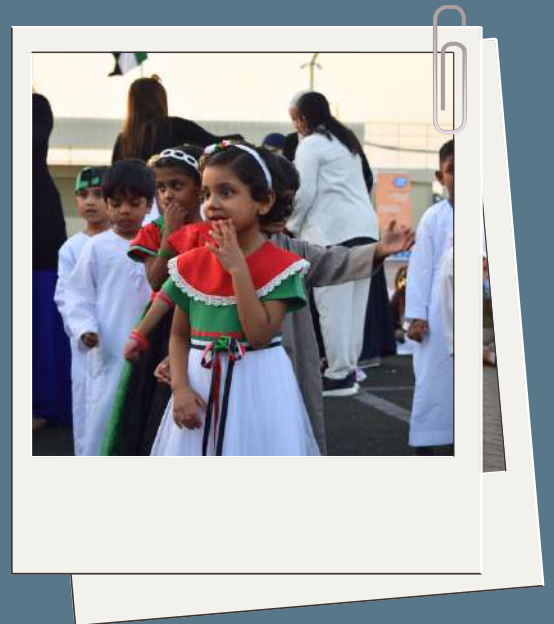


# KG Events & Volunteering



Volunteering plays an extremely important role in our society as it helps addressing various issues, presents individuals with a diverse range of opportunities and aids in creating responsible citizens. Throughout the month of November, the students of AJB Secondary volunteered in multiple events held across the AJ Nursery and AJ Kindergarten campuses.

Events for Children's Day were held on the 14th, 16th and 20th of November at AJN which comprised of multiple engaging activities that allowed parents to connect with their children and proved to be extremely enjoyable experiences for everyone involved. The volunteers played an important part in managing these activities and allowed the event to carry on in a well-ordered manner. They helped complete multiple tasks, preparations and welcome guests throughout the day. The following students were involved:



## 1. First Event (14/11/23)

- Mohammad Sam
- Aryan Tamang
- Ahmed Sherif
- Talha Yaseen
- Fathima Rasheed
- Haiqa Naser
- Huda Naser
- Yasmine Isameldin

## 2. Second Event (16/11/23)

- Abdulrahman Asim Taha
- Mohammad Ahmed Osman
- Mohammad Bin Mahmood
- Yahya Zahid
- Rola Mahmoud
- Karin Magdy
- Chelsea Robert
- Elfa Elbushra
- Wasna Murtada



### 3. Third Event (20/11/23)

- Rayyan Alleldin
- Rawan Makki
- Zohal Magzoub
- Mustafa Hayat
- Yusuf Amr
- Nora Hisham
- Yahya Zahid
- Mohammad Asraf

On the 29th of November, the KG section hosted a flamboyant celebration for the National Day which started off with a clay modelling competition followed by a march past by the KG students. Every pupil was either wearing their traditional outfit or the colours of the UAE flag. The day then progressed with multiple skits and dances including a skit on the lifestyle in the UAE in the past, a yola dance, pompom dance and performances that allowed different cultures to express their gratitude towards the UAE.

During the invigorating performances, the KG teachers along with the volunteers were also running henna and face painting stalls. The event allowed parents to enjoy a joyous evening with their children and celebrate the 52nd National Day. The volunteers that helped throughout the event are:

- Haiqa Naser
- Huda Naser
- Amina Mansour
- Quimpher Saif
- Syed Hamza
- Mohammad Noor
- Khadija Musahib
- Morium Mosammad
- Ahmed Sherif
- Janna Ezz
- Mohammad Bin Mahmood
- Rola Mahmoud
- Hafsa Saqib
- Ally Kirsten
- Maimona Katoon
- Umaima Shafdar
- Alvina Irshad
- Eman Shahzadi
- Karim Amr
- Prince Abdul Wahab
- Reham Sayed
- Maimoona Mohammad
- Tamjeed Sharif
- Mohammad Asraf
- Nada Nasser
- Fathima Hessa
- Khalid Ismat

