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Al-Qaswa' Exhibition for Painting and Visual Arts at Dhahran Ahliyya Schools

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"Our Mission"

Inspired by the principles of Islam, the mission of Dhahran Ahliyya Schools is to empower each student to be a compassionate, thinking, lifelong bi-lingual learner, who makes a positive difference locally and globally.

"Our Vision"

Our vision is to provide a world class education with an Arab and Islamic identity through a pioneering learning community that is sustainable and socially responsible.

Our school is supervised by the Ministry of Education and accredited by The Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI)



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On October 19, 2023, Dhahran Ahliyya Schools hosted the "Al-Qaswa Exhibition", a painting competition organized by the Student Activity Unit in the Khobar Education Office, both for boys and girls. The purpose of this exhibition was to inspire and develop creative imagination in order to contribute to the development of a creative generation capable of effectively engaging with the world through artistic means. The aim was to provide participants with the necessary theoretical and practical artistic skills in painting and visual arts, while also deepening their religious and national identity, and preserving Saudi Arabia's cultural heritage. The Al-Qaswa Competition drew inspiration from the emotional connection and loyalty between humans, camels, and sand dunes. The exhibited paintings aimed to embody the values of patience, strengthen national identity, and link them to proverbs and poetic verses, all visually expressed on the canvas. A total of 65 paintings were received from 41 schools at the Al-Khobar Governorate level, with 60 of them being enriching plastic art. These artistic pieces were collected from participating schools in Al-Khobar over a span of two days, specifically on October 16 and 17. Among the participants from Dhahran Ahliyya Schools were Abdul Rahman Al-Ghunaim, Ibtisam Al-Ghunaim, Safana Omar Al-Dulaijan, Abdul Aziz Al-Jibreen from the elementary level, as well as Sara Basura and Celine Ajina from the intermediate level. The exhibition received a total of 81 visitors, and on October 18, a judging committee from the Al-Khobar office evaluated the paintings participating in the Al-Qaswa competition. Finally, the exhibition was held on October 19, 2023.

The exhibition was inaugurated in the morning by Ms. Sharifa Al-Barqi, the administrative supervisor for Arts, and Ms. Reem Al-Mansour, the supervisor of the Khobar office. The principal for middle and secondary levels, Ms. Lama Al-Akkas, was also present. In the evening, supervisors from the Khobar and Dammam offices, as well as representatives from various schools, visited the exhibition. The schools were honored by the presence of Mr. Ahmed Al-Ghamdi, the Director of the Education Office in Al-Khobar, who initiated the evening session of the exhibition. Dr. Kamel Al-Dallal, Deputy President for Educational Affairs, Mr. Abdul Mohsen Beltoyor, Principal of the Middle and Secondary levels, and Mr. Kamal Al-Aqeel, Principal of the Elementary level, were also in attendance. Additionally, Ms. Aziza Al-Ghamdi, the Director of the Student Activity Department from the educational office, and the supervisors of the Student Activity Unit from the Al-Khobar Office were present.

The combined efforts of school staff and students made the exhibition a success.

The exhibition included an interactive corner for students to draw artistic paintings and drawings. The students who participated are (Batoul Al-Ghanem, Sarah Abu Surra, Abdul Rahman Al-Ghunaim, Salah Muhammad Al-Salim), and musical notes were played for the students, and then a group of female students sang the national anthem.

Our student (Sarah Mashhoor Basura) from the 8th grade was qualified, on the level of Al-Khobar, to compete in the finales.



Organizational Committee of Participants in Al-Qaswaa' Competition

Students Names		
Lina Burshaid	Sarah Alomair	Sarah AbuOlayan
Yasmeen Alkhenazi	Medhawi Alshehri	Nour Aljindan
Ameerah Alshammari	Mona Almhanna	Nadiah Alahmari

Participants in the Interactive Corner & National Anthem:

Students Names		
Abdul Rahman Al-Ghunaim	Dana Khaled Al-Otaibi	Naida Salem Al-Anzi
Lynn Abdul Aziz Al-Subaie	Tala Raed Al-Sarihi	Farah Aladdin AlDajani
Batoul Asaad Al Ghanem	Mina Lotfi Al-Zayer	Farah Mahdi Abu Ali
Sarah Mashhoor Basura	Princess Talal Mansour	Al-Jawhara Tariq Al-Rabiah
	Aaliya Ali Selham	Lamis Basil Al-Naji
	Yasmine Ali Al-Shehri	Taleen Ahmed Al-Qudmani
	Alia Abdullah Al-Salham	Dana Abdullah Al-Barr



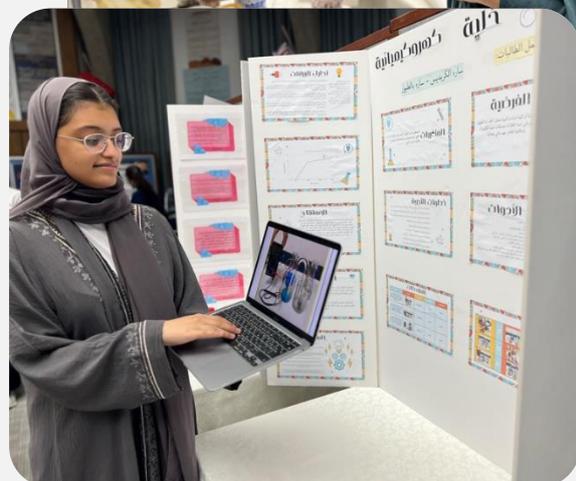


**Prince of the Eastern Province, HRH Saud bin Nayef
Awarded the Organizers and Participants in the “Lawhat Watan” Initiative(93)**

On Wednesday, October 18, 2023, His Royal Highness Prince Saud bin Nayef bin Abdulaziz, Prince of the Eastern Province, welcomed those who participated in the “Lawhat Watan” initiative in its third edition, which was organized by the Labor Office in Al-Khobar City in conjunction with the Kingdom’s National Day (93), which was held on the waterfront of Al-Khobar Corniche, with the participation of more than (2000) male and female volunteers, a number of government and private agencies, and ten resident communities. HRH the prince of the Eastern Province guaranteed that the initiatives organized and supervised by the sons and daughters of the nation are appreciated by everyone and reflect the affiliation, love, and pride of everyone who lives in this country. He also mentioned that “I extend to all the participants and organizers of the “Lawhat Watan” initiative, my sincere thanks for everything you do for your city, your region, and your country in organizing distinguished events to celebrate national occasions, the most recent of which is a memory dear to all of our hearts, which is the ninety-third anniversary of the unification of this great entity, which we remember. In all of them we have our ancient past and our prosperous present under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and His Highness the Trustworthy Crown Prince, “may God protect them.” We look forward to a bright future, God willing, and then with the support of our leadership and the efforts of the nation’s young men and women who contribute to the development, renaissance, and progress that our country is witnessing, and praise be to God. A group of female students and male students represented their colleagues. Their colleagues participating in the initiative attended this honoring under the supervision of Activities Officer/ Samia Al-Dosari and Activities Coordinator/ Ali Al-Shehri.

Chemistry, Physics and Biology Week

During Chemistry, Physics, and Biology Week, the high school students presented their work products on Monday, October 23, 2023. The outcomes of their work included visual presentations, games, and scientific experiments, which showcased their research skills in observational investigation, experimentation, and reflection, allowing them to connect their learning to real-life scenarios. The sixth and ninth grade students attended the exhibition, listened to the students' presentations, and conducted supervised experiments guided by secondary school students. Female students received supervision from teachers including Arwa Eid, Taghreed Zuqar, Arshiya Zuhair, Nahid Behairy, Lina Malik, and Hind Al-Dossary.





Annual International College Fair

The 24th Annual International College Fair was held at our schools on Wednesday and Thursday, October 25th-26th, 2023. Universities & colleges from inside and outside the Kingdom participated in the fair. The admission requirements of each college were clarified and explained to the students and an introductory presentation was given about university life in general. Many publications were distributed as well as illustrations related to various universities. The exhibition was well organized as students were attentive and active to get the most benefit.. Thank you notes go to the student counselor, Mrs. Laila Al-Qassab, the academic counselor, Mrs. Nafisa Everth, and the student counselor, Mr. Muhammad Bassiouni from the Boys' Department for preparing and coordinating the fair, and we also thank all the female employees who provided assistance.



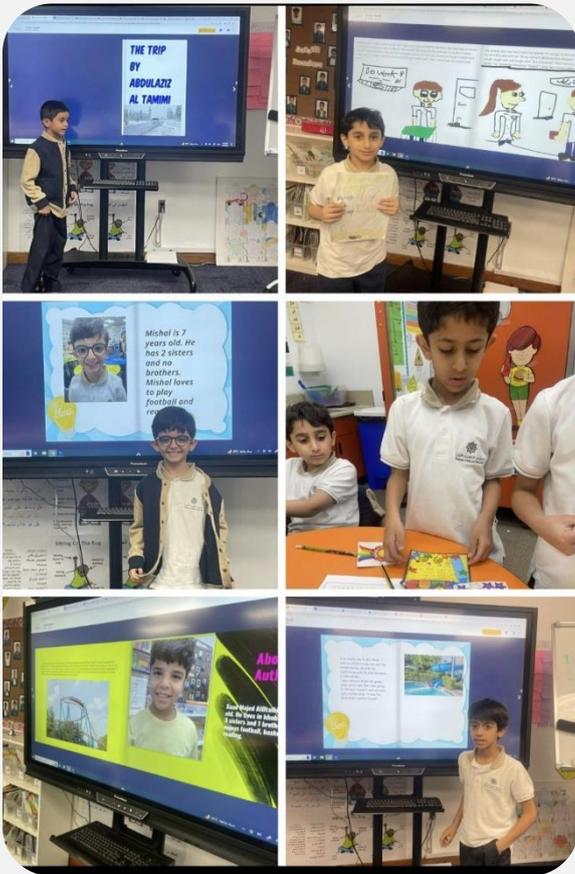
Number of students who visited the college fair this year.

	Name of the school	Number of students &Attendees
1.	Al Salaam School	37
2.	Altarbiyah Al-Ahliyya	5
3.	Asia International School	34
4.	GEMS Saudi International School Dammam	34
5.	Orbit International School	71
6.	New World International School	38
7.	Al Forsan International School	29
8.	Hassan Academy (JUBAIL)	23
9.	Aspire International School Al Khobar	12
10	International Programs School Al Khobar (They had exams only the college counselor attended)	1
11.	Al Hussan International School (RAKAH)	29
12.	Saad National School Al Khobar	27
13.	Ajyal International School, Dhahran	19
14	Al Faisaliah Islamic National School	34
15	Dhahran Ahliyya Schools	170
	Total	563



1st and 2nd Graders Publish their Books.

Our students in 1st and 2nd grades have published their books this week under the personal narrative theme, after working through many stages that were concluded with publishing their books. We are so proud of our future authors.



DAS Chocolate Day October 29

The Student Council Executive team has planned a series of fun and educational activities that create a positive school environment. On October 29, DAS community celebrated “DAS chocolate Day”. Students, teachers and administrative were ready to tantalize their taste buds with a variety of chocolates from around the world. We have curated a selection of delectable treats for everyone to enjoy. From creamy milk chocolate to rich dark chocolate. Not to forget, the live station with Chocolate fountains and strawberries... there will be something for every chocolate lover.

In addition, STUCO executive team organized an art contest Chocolate: Unleash your creativity and participate in our chocolate-themed art contest. Students can showcase their artistic skills by creating chocolate-inspired masterpieces using various mediums. The winners will be awarded exciting prizes, and their artwork will be displayed in our school's main hallway.

We believe that celebrating Chocolate Day not only brings joy and excitement but also provides an opportunity for our students to learn about different cultures and history.



Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign

Our schools, in partnership with King Fahd Specialist Hospital - Dammam, hosted a lecture titled "Always Check" to raise awareness of breast cancer during Pink October. The lecture, held on 10/15/2023 in our school's auditorium, featured Dr. Lubna Al-Bassam, Dr. Ahlam Al Dahl, and Dr. Nada Al-Dabal as speakers. Topics covered included breast cancer definition, risk factors, proper self-examination practices, and concluding tips and instructions. In solidarity with breast cancer patients, the Student Council organized the event under the supervision of Counsellor Mirna Qashour. They urged students and staff to wear pink and also created a painting named "Continue your heroism, examine and reassure us" to emphasize the importance of early breast cancer screening. Additionally, a T-shirt with the breast cancer logo and school logo was designed by our students.



World Food Day Activation

On October 16-2023, Students council organized, under the supervision of Mrs. Mirna a special event to activate "World Food Day", a global initiative that aims to raise awareness about global food sustainability and promote responsible consumption practices, emphasizing our shared responsibility towards a more equitable and sustainable future for all. The event was a resounding success, bringing together students, teachers and administrative to learn, engage, and celebrate the importance of food in our lives.

The day started with informative videos displayed on the screens at gate 1 and in the multipurpose room to educate students about the significance of World Food Day and the challenges faced by millions of people around the world in accessing nutritious food.

Additionally, Students council create an awareness board with different posters highlighting the impact of food choices on our environment. They also designed and wore a shirt with the sustainable development goals (Zero Hunger, NO poverty, Responsible Consumption).

To further engage the students, student council collaborate with grade 12 students and organized under the supervision of Mrs. Lama AlAkkas, Mrs. Ebtisam ElShammary and Mrs. Mirna Kachour, a Global Food Fair where students had the opportunity to explore different food cultures and taste delicious dishes around the world. This not only broadened their culinary horizons but also fostered a sense of appreciation for diverse food traditions.

Following the Global Food Fair, students were encouraged to participate in a poster contest organized by Food and Agriculture organization of the United Nations (FAO).

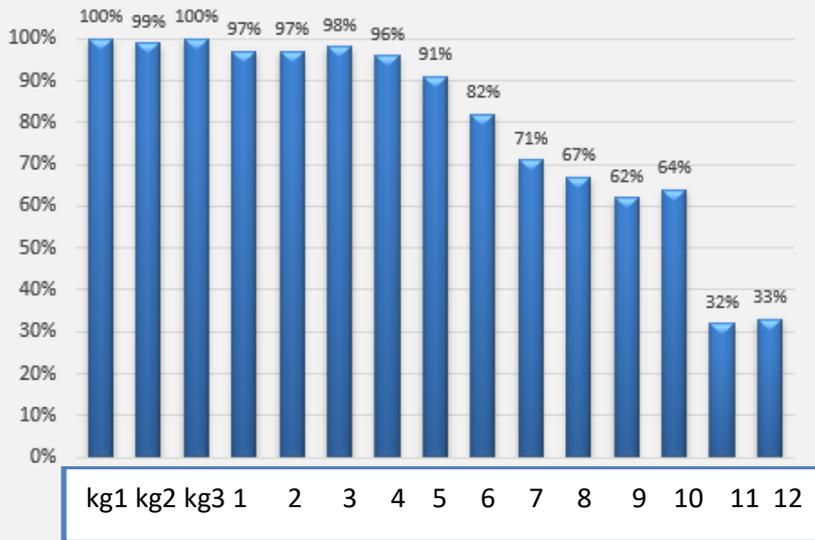
At Dhahran Ahliyya Schools, we are proud to witness such initiatives that promote awareness and action towards a more sustainable and equitable food system. Let us continue to educate ourselves and others about the importance of food security and work together to create a better future for all.



Individual Meetings

We extend our thanks and appreciations to the mothers who attended the Individual Meetings on Teams' platform to discuss the educational and behavioural achievement of their children.

The meetings were collectively arranged by the IT section and the admin staff, supported by the teachers and the mothers who were punctual and attended on time. Both mothers and teachers collaboratively have agreed on raising the students' skills. The rate of the attending mothers was as the following:



Mental Health is a Priority

Based on one the IB learner profile's characteristics which is "balanced" and the fact that we always prioritize the well-being of the spirit, mind, and body, we join the global community in observing World Mental Health Day on October 10th, under the theme "Mental Health is a Priority for All." This celebration aims to foster discussions about mental health in order to enhance awareness and understanding of actions that promote and safeguard mental well-being as a fundamental human right.

Mental health is defined as "a state of well-being in which individuals realize their abilities, cope with normal life stresses, work productively and fruitfully, and contribute to their community." Factors that contribute to the improvement of mental health include:

1. Engaging in acts of spiritual nourishment, as it is the primary purpose of our existence. As God Almighty states, "I have only created jinn and mankind to worship Me."
2. Consuming nourishing and healthy food for a vibrant body.
3. Engaging in various sports and hobbies.
4. Cultivating positive and meaningful relationships through effective and active communication.
5. Continuously expanding knowledge through learning, researching, and exploring.
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Volunteering, engaging in work, and practicing sustained acts of generosity.

"Your mind is like a magnet. If you think about a blessing, you attract a blessing. If you think about a problem, you attract a problem." Your mind constantly seeks evidence to support the narratives you create. Whatever you instruct your mind to search for, it will find. Therefore, narrate positive stories, instruct it to search for the good, and witness the marvellous outcomes presented by your own mind.

Sources: World Health Organization website



Our KG2 Students' Trip to (Ithraa)

Our KG2 students have embarked on a trip to the Ithraa Centre in order to read children's books at the library located there. During their visit, they were able to engage in multiple stories and gain knowledge on expressing their emotions through art. Additionally, they learned how to transition from one setting to another through the story "Flying Sheep". Our students thoroughly enjoyed participating in various activities that correlated with the content they had read.





Our KG3 Students' Trip to (Ithraa)

Based on the principle of discovery and exploration among kindergarten students, a trip was taken to Ithraa Centre, where our students learned about engraving design and the sequence of shapes in different styles, through the story of "Mezna and Umm Saud," through which they discovered the Sadu fabric. They then carried out several handmade activities with designing their own pattern.





“Bed-time Story” Activity

To enhance the partnership with parents relating to school activities, the kindergarten level (KG2 – KG3) carried out the Bedtime Story event at school, which is one of the “I am a child reader” activities. This is to support children's love of reading, so they can read a story of their choice, discuss the actions of the story with their mothers through the reading guide (higher-order thinking questions), and share with mothers their daily routine through multiple activities.





Introducing the Theme “How we Organize Ourselves”.

In support of the theme of “How we Organize Ourselves”, and its central idea that states: (The roles that influence the organization of the school community), students in KG2 took a trip inside the school during the 11th week of the first trimester, where the trip helped to investigate the roles that help Organization of the school community such as (principal/librarian/security guard/teacher/nurse). They visited VP. Maha Al-Omaid who explained her role in thoroughly selecting the staff who are the best for them (A question was asked to Mrs. Maha Al-Omaid by a student: What is this? Pointing to the name identification card that she is having, she replied, “This is my name.” He said to her, “Why do you put it here? I mentioned it so that it can be recognized by others so they can know my name and my role in the school community.”

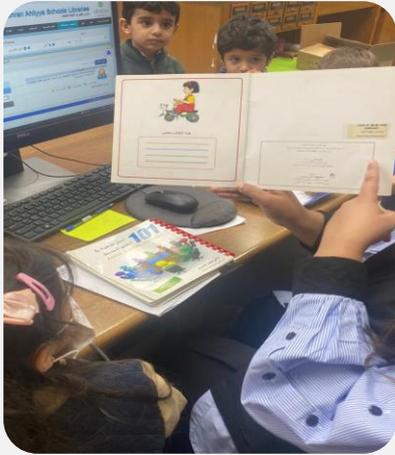


Students also visited Mrs. Muntaha Albluwi, the principal of the KG and elementary school, who explained her role in providing the safe setting for their learning environment.





When they visited the schools' library they were introduced to the librarian and got to know the resources provided, how to borrow books and rules of visiting the library.



They also were introduced to the tasks of the security guard: his role in protecting us, maintaining our safety, and organizing our exit during dismissal. They met the school nurse: learning about her tools and her role in the school community by taking care of the health and safety of students.



Our trip supported students' communication and social skills to meet their needs through using time management and organization strategies within the school community. They also understood the importance of enforcing laws, and taking responsibility towards themselves, the school, and society.





Introducing the Theme “How the World Works”.

In support of the theme “How the World Works” that its central idea revolves around how force moves bodies. KG3 students made a trip to Tamimi Markets during the 11th week of the first trimester.

During the trip, KG3 students learned to investigate and research the effect of forces on the objects around us and discovered the different types of force such as: pushing force, pulling force, lifting with an electric crane, and comparing the different types of forces.

Our trip supported the students' higher-order thinking skills, as they were able to search for solutions, choose the appropriate solution to move different things, and use time effectively.

