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You know that every great idea begins with a bit of imagination! We have created this magazine so you can be imaginative in any form you wish.

The biggest superpower we all have is creativity—whether you love to draw, enjoy writing stories, are a DIY person, or daydream! Don't be afraid to try new things, make mistakes, or think outside the box. Each time you create something, you make the world a little brighter. There are no wrong or right answers when exercising your creativity. There are no grades or marks either. To be creative, you must unlock one trait: curiosity; always ask questions and be eager to learn. Curiosity fuels new ideas and helps you explore different possibilities. So, whether it is a whiteboard, a Word document, or a sheet of paper, you can fill it up with your ideas and wander along. See where it takes you; you may surprise yourself in the process.

As always, we're eager to hear from you, and we encourage you to own this space and color it with your thoughts. This is your canvas, your notebook — use it to share your talent with one and all.

The magazine is full of your creativity —

from fictional stories with messages to well-researched articles. It's always a good idea to visit a library (in addition to Google search) when exploring a new topic. And the more you read, the better a writer you become. We can't stress enough about the many benefits of reading.

Until we meet next, keep reading, shining, and creating.

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EDITOR,

THE JUNIOR TRUMPET

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HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Are you ready to showcase your creativity and let your imagination soar? We are thrilled to invite all budding artists, poets, writers, and storytellers to contribute to THE JUNIOR TRUMPET! This is your chance to see your work published and shared with the world.

What can you submit?

- **Artworks:** Drawings, paintings, sketches, and more!
- **Poetry:** Express your feelings and thoughts in verse.
- **Articles:** Share your insights, opinions,

or interesting facts.

- **Stories:** Create captivating tales that transport readers to new worlds.

How to submit:

Choose your best work.

Scan or take a high-quality photo of your creation.

Write a short bio about yourself, including your name, age, class, and school.

Email your submission and bio to [editor@theindiantrumpet.com] with the subject line "Young Talent Submission."



Letters to the Editor

Good Evening,

My name is Kashish Wadhvani, and I am 15 years old. I am a 10th-grade student at The Indian High School, Oud Mehta. I truly appreciate your efforts in creating such a wonderful platform for students like me to share our talents. I would be honored to be part of this incredible journey you have started. My best wishes to you.

Thank you.

Regards,
Kashish

Dear Team,

Greetings of the day!

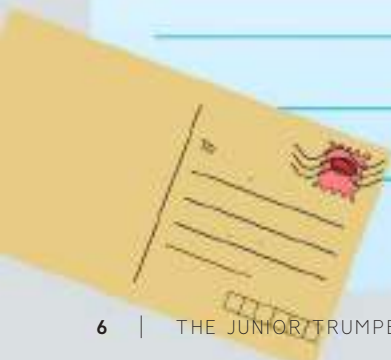
I hope this email finds you well! Thank you so much for the publication, I'm really glad to see my poem on your magazine. Looking forward to more events and contributions like these.

Thank you,
Regards,
Saanvi H. Rao

Hi Editor,

Thank you for publishing the Poem – Fight On by my daughter Eva Jose in September 2024 Issue and I very much appreciate the effort by your team.

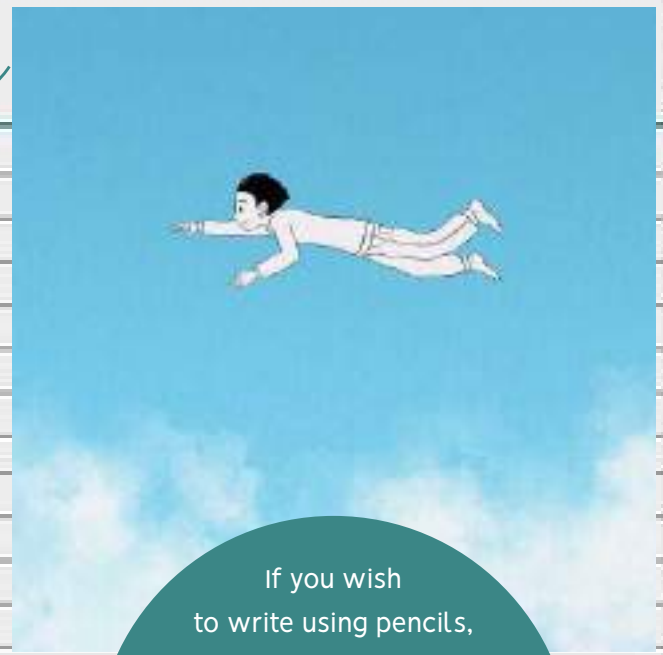
Regards
Jose Joseph



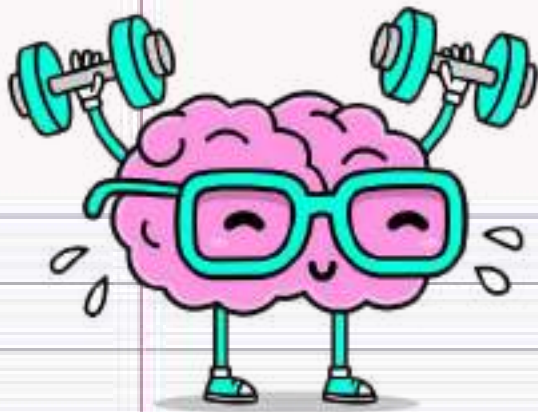
Let's Imagine

It was a sunny July afternoon when I discovered I could fly...

We can't wait to receive a few imaginative submissions from you. You can turn this first line into stories or poems! Email your submission and bio to [editor@theindiantrumpet.com] with the subject line "Let's Imagine Submission."



If you wish to write using pencils, pens, colors, etc.,
DOWNLOAD THIS PAGE.
Please print it out, write it, and then scan and email it to us. You can also type out your entry and email it to us.



QUIZ!

THE MONTH (SEPTEMBER)
THAT WAS...

1.

Dissanayaka Mudiyansele Anura Kumara Dissanayake, commonly referred to by his initials AKD, took over as the tenth president of the island country known for its beaches, lush rainforests, tea plantations, and cinnamon?

2.

Which British rock band fronted by pianist and vocalist Chris Martin will perform in Abu Dhabi for four straight nights next January due to record demand for their tickets?

3.

Which country is all set to host the 2024 ICC Women's T20 World Cup, the ninth edition of the tournament, from 3 to 20 October 2024, after it was moved from Bangladesh, which was originally scheduled to host it around the same dates?

4.

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed became the first UAE president to meet a sitting US president on American soil in September since the UAE was founded in 1971. What was the venue of the meeting which is also the official residence and workplace of the President of the US (POTUS)?

5.

Dame Maggie Smith, who won multiple awards including two Academy Awards, five BAFTA Awards, four Emmy Awards, three Golden Globe Awards and a Tony Award before passing away on September 27, was known for her wit in both comedic and dramatic roles including that of Professor Minerva McGonagall in which famous children's series?

6.

Where has American astronaut Sunita Williams remained "stuck" with fellow astronaut Barry Wilmore due to technical issues with the Boeing Starliner's service module after they left for what should have an eight-day trip originally? When they return in February 2025, they will have completed eight months there.

7.

Which company unveiled its latest 18th-generation phone in five colours at its global headquarters in Cupertino, a city of 60,000 people in Santa Clara County, California, US?

QUIZ MASTER



ABHISHEK SENGUPTA

Former research team member,
Mastermind India (BBC) &
Inaugural edition of KBC
(Kaun Banega Crorepati)



ANSWERS

1. Sri Lanka; 2. Coldplay; 3. UAE;
4. White House; 5. Harry Potter;
6. Space (International Space
Station); 7. Apple

ANGEL AND DEMON

KASHISH WADHWANI
The Indian High School, Dubai

In realms where light and shadows meet,
An angel and a demon greet.
Opposites in every way,
Yet love blooms where they both lay.

The demon, dark with a tortured soul,
Struggles with its inner toll.
A world that shuns its every move,
A heart that feels it can't improve.

But the angel, pure and bright,
Sees the beauty in the night.
With gentle touch and tender care,
Unveils the love that's hidden there.

"You're not just darkness, not just pain,
In you, I see the sun through rain."
The demon, touched, begins to see,
That love can set its spirit free.

Though worlds apart, their hearts entwine,
In love, their souls begin to shine.
For true love knows no bounds or bars,
It finds its way through scars and stars.

So, hand in hand, they rise above,
An angel's light, a demon's love.
In each other, they find peace,
And in that love, they find release.



DRAW A CARD FOR THE TAXI DRIVERS!



We at 'The Junior Trumpet' have a wonderful idea! How about they make their work a little easier for the hundreds long line drivers who have traffic jams, miss family time, and more?

If your child wants to participate, here's what to do:

1. Draw a card in a card, with a message, drawing, or just a thank-you card.
2. Display - Scan or take a high-quality photo of their creation.
3. Box - Write a short bio including their name, age, class, and school/college/university. They can also add a photo if they wish.
4. Submit - Email the creation and bio to editor@thejuniortrumpet.com with the subject line "Draw a Card Submission".

Have fun! They sign the cards with their name and school name!

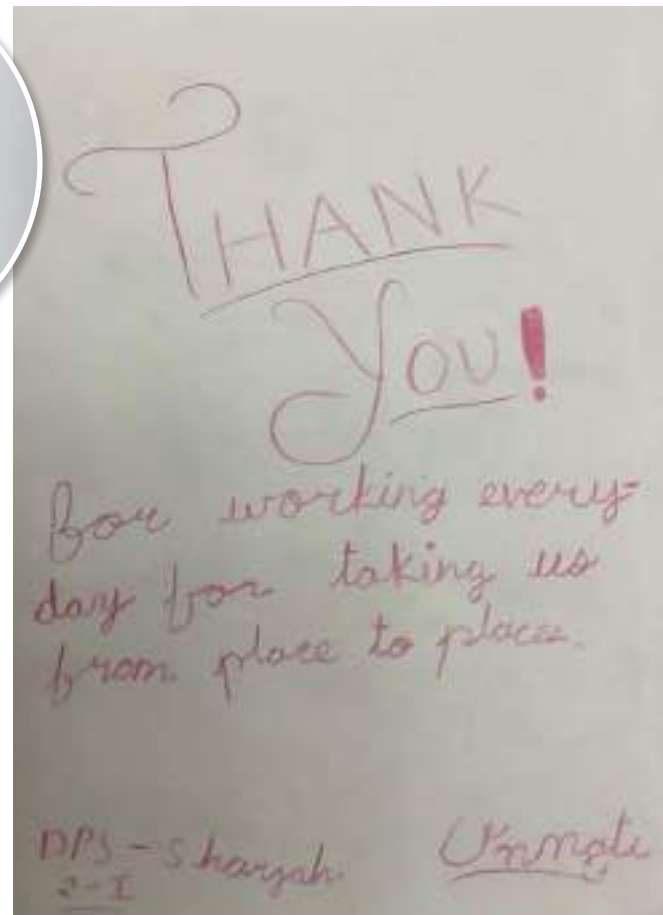
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REGISTRATION OPEN TO THE JUNIOR TRUMPET

We loved all your submissions, and now, a few of them are on their way to the individuals you made it for! Please keep them coming; it is never too late to say thank you!



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DELHI PRIVATE SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Thank You for being kind



Samik
Mohammed Samik's
Grade II
Bright Riders School
Abudhabi
UAE

MOHAMMED SAMIK SHIBILI
BRIGHT RIDERS SCHOOL, ABU DHABI



AADITYA BANSAL
DELHI PRIVATE SCHOOL, DUBAI
ARYAMAN BANSAL
DELHI PRIVATE SCHOOL, DUBAI

Thank You!

We appreciate your hard work and
dedication helping us reach our
destinations. Thank You!

Eman Ahmed Kashif
from
The Oxford School
Dubai



THANK YOU taxi driver

The vital role of taxi drivers in urban life:

Taxi navigate chaotic city streets, ferrying diverse passengers with resilience and professionalism. Facing challenges like traffic congestion and unruly passengers, they remain essential in urban mobility. Despite competition from ride-hailing apps, their human touch and adaptability ensure they continue to be vital to urban life.



Haaris Ahmad

HAARIS AHMAD
GEMS OUR OWN ENGLISH HIGH
SCHOOL, SHARJAH (BOYS)

Thank you for
miles and
miles of service



BATUL VOHRA
GEMS OUR OWN ENGLISH HIGH
SCHOOL, SHARJAH (GIRLS)

INNOCENCE AND WARMTH

TEAM
THE JUNIOR TRUMPET



THE JUNIOR TRUMPET REPORTER



DreamWorks Animation brings Peter Brown's best-selling novel *The Wild Robot* to the big screen in a visually stunning and heartwarming adaptation. Directed by Chris Sanders, the three-time Oscar nominee behind *How to Train Your Dragon*, the film tells the story of Roz, a ROZZUM unit 7134 robot voiced with gentle sincerity by Academy Award winner Lupita Nyong'o. Shipwrecked on an uninhabited island, Roz must navigate through unfamiliar and often hostile natural surroundings, forming unexpected bonds with the island's animal inhabitants.

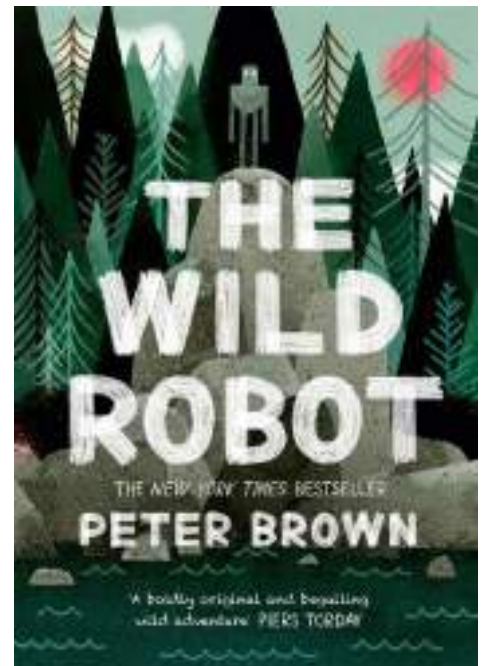
Nyong'o's portrayal of Roz captures the machine's cold precision and evolving sense of empathy as she becomes an unlikely parent to an orphaned gosling named Brightbill, voiced with innocence and warmth by Kit Connor. Pedro Pascal brings sly charisma to Fink, a mischievous fox, while Catherine O'Hara's witty portrayal of the opossum Pinktail adds humor to the adventure.

The star-studded voice cast, including Bill Nighy as the wise goose Longneck and Stephanie Hsu as the mysterious robot Vontra, elevates the film's emotional depth and narrative complexity. Cameos from the legendary Mark Hamill, Matt Berry, and Ving Rhames add layers to the impressive ensemble.

The film's thematic core revolves around Roz's journey

of self-discovery, as she navigates the delicate balance between technology and nature. Sanders' direction brings a sense of wonder to the lush animation. At the same time, his script preserves the philosophical undertones of Brown's original novel, making it a powerful reflection on the meaning of life, connection, and identity.

With its epic adventure, breathtaking visuals, and emotional resonance, *The Wild Robot* is an instant family classic. It touches hearts while exploring the timeless question of what it means to be truly alive. Fans of the book will be pleased to see that the film honors the novel's spirit!



**WE ATTENDED
THE UAE
PREMIERE OF
THE WILD ROBOT
AND LOVED THE
FILM AS MUCH AS
WE LOVED THE
BOOKS.**

**BE THE JUNIOR TRUMPET
AMBASSADOR**

Be the Voice of your school; we are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated students to join our team of reporters. As The Junior Trumpet Ambassador, you can share your school community's latest happenings, achievements, and stories. Whether covering school events, interviewing teachers and students, or highlighting noteworthy accomplishments, you will play a crucial role in capturing the essence of life at your school. Email your interest with a sample piece of reportage and bio (including your name, age, class, and school) at [editor@theindiantrumpet.com] with the subject line "The Junior Trumpet Ambassador "





AN AFTER-PARTY OF A DIFFERENT KIND

TEAM
The Junior Trumpet

So you've had a gala time behind your parents' back. While you won't tell exactly what happened, the house and its walls will tell a story or two. Let us help you clean up so you don't have to be in more trouble than you already have running through your mind.

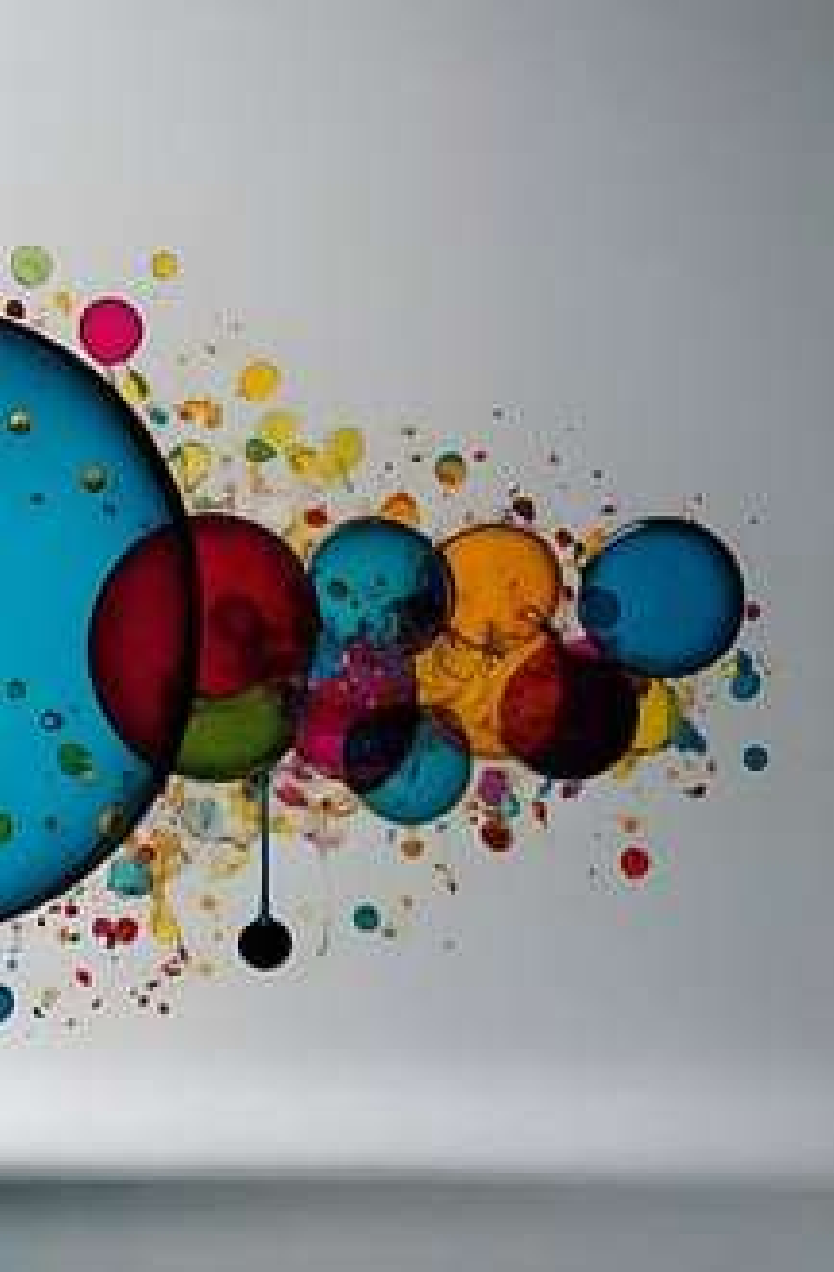
Broken light bulb?

Cut a potato in half...carefully. Ensure you turn off the electricity before placing half of the potato over the broken bulb. Turn the potato

to remove the pieces completely. Quick, get the replacement.

Grease on the carpet?

Use a spoon to remove as much as possible. No, your fingers cannot help. Blot the remaining stain with a cloth. Grab a sponge full of liquid detergent and cold water, and clean up as much as possible. Repeat until the color of the surrounding carpet does not change. End this with a nice dab of lemon juice. Voila!



**BE CAREFUL
WHEN YOU PARTY;
ALWAYS KEEP
SAFETY IN MIND.
IT'S A GOOD IDEA
TO PARTY, BUT BE
RESPONSIBLE.**

Bubblegum stuck in hair?

Freeze the gum with ice cubes. It might take up to a half hour to become solid. Gently break the frozen gum into pieces while holding your hair away from the scalp and face.

Ring down the sink?

Shut off the water. It is not helping. If you can still see it, use a wire hanger to fish out the ring. If not, grab a bucket and place it under the sink where the J-shaped pipe is visible. Open up the pipe using a wrench and use gloves to empty the contents into the bucket. It's so gross, but at least you're not in trouble!

Is the toothbrush in the toilet?

Please don't be lazy with the clean-up. After your friends casually play this prank on you, scrub the brush with hydrogen peroxide and soak it in boiling water for 5 minutes. Be careful not to pour any of the liquids on you. Replace your toothbrush as soon as you can.

There you have it. These life hacks can earn you brownie points with the family even when you don't have a party to hide at.



GIFTS YOUR GUY PAL WILL LOVE

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THE JUNIOR TRUMPET

Who said guys are less complicated to shop for? Buying a gift for a boy is always sort of tricky. But we've demystified it with these classic picks.



A watch:

Boys love watches. The more complicated it looks, the better!



Portable speakers:

You can join the fun and bring a few friends along.



Denim jacket:

Well, because it's a classic.

Perfume:

A musky scent, please.



Headphones:

A noise-cancelling one to cut off the outside chatter. (He wasn't listening anyway!)



A wallet:

Don't give it empty, though. Fill it with a coin or a collectible card.



Sneakers:

Buy a pair in a hot colour like red or neo-black—he'll love them.



A backpack:

He will end up carrying it everywhere.



A custom tee:

Print his first or last name on the back.



Books:

If he says he dislikes reading, get him an audiobook.



Superhero collectibles:

Because boys will be boys.

GIFTS YOUR GAL PAL WILL LOVE

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THE JUNIOR TRUMPET

Ditch the flowers and listen to the hints she keeps dropping. If you're still confused, pick something from our list, and she won't be disappointed.



Lipgloss:

Because it is a girl's BEST friend. Period.



Perfume:

She'll think of her bestie all day long. Awww.

Earrings:

You'll know what suits her best. If you can make them yourself by looking up online tutorials, even better!



Journal:

She can jot down the musings of the best years of her life.



Faux fur slippers:

Aren't they super comfy and uber cool? Every girl wants one.



A mug with a photo of both of you:

To remind her every morning that she is special to you.



7

A pillow with her name:

Now, who doesn't like to rest on a personalized cushion of sweet dreams?



9

An instant camera:

It's vintage but cool at the same time.



8

Pamper kit:

Filled with lotions and potions that she can use to spoil herself.

11

The perfect LBD:

...because every girl needs one.

10

A box of select truffles:

Nothing else will do!

HOW TO SHIELD YOUR CHILD FROM COMMON SCHOOL ILLNESSES



EXPERT TALK



DR. NAHED SABRY
Johnson's Baby Hospital
Education Manager

A new school year brings excitement—new friends, new classrooms, activities, and teachers. But it also means increased exposure to germs. With kids packed together in classrooms for hours, viruses can spread like wildfire. These tiny invaders often lurk on desks, doorknobs, and other surfaces.

It's no wonder many kids catch six to eight colds a year, especially during the cooler months, so it's essential to be aware of common illnesses and how to prevent them:

Backpack-itis – Carrying heavy or improperly worn backpacks can cause discomfort. Ensure your child's backpack weighs no more than 10% of their body weight and that they wear both straps.

- **Colds and flu** – These are highly contagious. Teach your child to cough or sneeze into a tissue or elbow and to wash their hands frequently.
- **Impetigo** – This skin infection can be prevented by keeping cuts clean and discouraging scratching.
- **Pink eye** – Easily transmitted, pink eye can be avoided with regular handwashing.

It's impossible for children to avoid all germs, no matter how careful they are. However, there are ways to reduce the spread of germs and frequency of illnesses with some prevention tips.

Keep vaccinations up-to-date

As the school year begins, make sure your child's vaccinations are current. A health checkup is crucial to assess their overall health and development. During this checkup, your child's doctor will review their growth, perform necessary tests, and administer any required vaccines.

Remember to make a copy of your child's completed physical form to submit to the school. Keep the original on hand for future reference, such as for sports or camp activities.

Practice good hand hygiene.

Good hygiene begins with understanding the importance of frequent handwashing. Teaching your child the importance of handwashing is key to preventing the spread of germs. Encourage them to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the bathroom, blowing their nose, touching objects, or before eating.

Expert tip: Use soft wipes to gently remove dirt that kills up to 99.9% of germs while protecting your child's sensitive skin. These wipes should be hypoallergenic, free from parabens and alcohol, and tested by pediatricians and dermatologists.

For added convenience, provide your child with alcohol-based hand sanitizer, especially during times when soap and water are unavailable. It's also a good idea to encourage your child to take a quick bath after school or sports. Daily shampooing is perfectly fine as long as you use a gentle, mild shampoo recommended by pediatricians.

These simple habits can significantly reduce the risk of illness and ensure a healthier school environment.

Nurture your child's immune system.

A strong immune system is essential for fighting off illnesses. Encourage your child to eat a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and healthy fats. Staying hydrated is also important, so encourage them to drink plenty of water. Adequate sleep is vital for overall health and immune function.

Regular physical activity benefits both the body and mind. It helps strengthen the immune system, improves mental well-being, reduces stress, and promotes better sleep. Encourage your child to exercise regularly throughout the school year.

Know when to keep your child at home

It's essential to recognize the symptoms of common childhood illnesses. If your child has a minor cough or cold but feels well otherwise, they can attend school. However, if they develop a fever, diarrhea, or vomiting, they should stay home until their symptoms improve.

By prioritizing your child's health and well-being, you're not just preparing them for the school year—you're empowering them for life. With a robust immune system, good hygiene practices, and a healthy lifestyle, your child can thrive and reach their full potential this school year.

THE NIGHTS BY THE BRIDGE

POOJA MANOJ
THE MILLENNIUM SCHOOL, DUBAI



She stood beside the bridge,
Pillaged by fear,
For the demons of darkness,
Had driven her here.
Those macabre creatures pried her apart,
And sewed their venom into her heart.
With every passing second,
She hated everything about her
self,
And she blamed herself for whatever she felt.
She tried to resurrect,
The bubbly girl she knew.

Everywhere, she brightly grinned,
But only she knew her smile was askew.
She stood on the bridge every night
into the perilous waters, she wanted to drown.
But thinking of her beloved, she chose to fight,
To finish the fight once and for all.

After her destructive months,
From somewhere shone a bright light,
And out to her reached a motherly hand,
And like a phoenix, she rose from the ashes.



BATUL MUFADDAL VOHRA
GEMS Our Own English High School — Sharjah (Girls)

THE JUNIOR TRUMPET ART WALL

DHRITHI
JSS International School, Dubai



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Delhi Private School, Sharjah



Mohammed Samik Shibili
Bright Riders School, Abu Dhabi

Jhanvi Dubey
Pristine Private School, Dubai



THE REMEMBRANCE DAY

YOGESHWAR REDDY AMMAPALLI
Moncton High School, Canada

Once, there was sunshine,
Once, there was a tree filled with birds
The tree was set on fire by the anger,
Which made people conflicted, which caused the war,
The forest disappeared in front of me
The soil become wet with lives of lost soldiers.

As the wars grew, it lasted longer than a flower's bloom.

The sea, once full of fish, now lays with the wreckage of courage and ships
The trenches I lived in were wet and worn out
It was miserable to fight without proper food and water and a good sleep.

After all of that, what have we done to ourselves?
We didn't win the war after so many people we killed and lost in the battle,
The amount of pain we gave to our earth.

The poppies that grew over the dead are as red as the rose, which makes me respect the soldiers with all my heart.

I said it was enough; the earth rum-bled under my anger,
The time rewind the soldiers are with their families
The dead soldiers rose from the poppy fields and went back,
The trees grew back and animals are alive once again,
It was like, it never happened.



COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

in the news

Emirates Transport (ET), the UAE's leading school transportation provider, proudly announces a flawless kickoff to the 2024/25 academic year, having completed over 260,000 school trips in the first two weeks alone.

ET's meticulous preparation and extensive training programs ensured a smooth transition as students returned to classrooms nationwide. Over the summer, ET's commitment to excellence was evident as 10,728 drivers underwent a rigorous training regimen totaling 51,777 hours across 28 specialized courses. Concurrently, 6,723 bus supervisors completed 39,488 hours of training through 28 tailored courses, reinforcing ET's dedication to upholding the highest standards of safety and professionalism.

Beyond the training, ET's commitment to safety is further demonstrated through its real-time operational oversight. A dedicated team at ET's state-of-the-art operations center meticulously monitors all bus activities, ensuring compliance with traffic safety regulations and providing immediate responses to any arising issues. Deputy CEO of Emirates Transport, Faryal Tawakul, stated: "Emirates Transport has been a cornerstone in safely transporting millions of students since our inception. We are delighted that the new academic year has commenced seamlessly, reflecting our robust network and operational precision."

Tawakul continued, "The safety of our students remains our priority. We ensure that every driver and supervisor is fully equipped to provide a secure environment for our young passengers. As we progress through the school year, our focus will remain on continuous improvement, collaborating with our team to enhance the safety and efficiency of every journey."

Emirates Transport's remarkable performance in school transportation is part of its broader legacy of excellence. Over the past 43 years, Emirates Transport has evolved into a multifaceted leader in the transportation and services industry. The company now operates a diverse fleet of 33,000 vehicles, including over 9,500 school buses and 23,100 vehicles in various segments. Serving over 1,500 customers nationwide, Emirates Transport's extensive operations are supported by a dedicated workforce of more than 32,000 workers.



THREE STATE-OF-THE-ART SCHOOLS IN ZAYED CITY

in the news

The Abu Dhabi Investment Office (ADIO), in collaboration with the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) and a multinational consortium led by Plenary Group and BESIX Group, inaugurated three state-of-the-art schools in Abu Dhabi's Zayed City today. The newly inaugurated educational facilities represent the first time school infrastructure that has been developed in the U.A.E. under a public-private partnership (P.P.P.) model.

Completed on schedule and within budget, the project has significantly enhanced Abu Dhabi's educational landscape by ensuring additional capacity for 5,360 students, from kindergarten to Grade 12, for the 2024-2025 academic year and beyond. Instrumental to the project's successful realization, ADEK played a pivotal role in ensuring that the project met the highest design, material, and equipment selection standards. The project was delivered successfully through the active coordination of various entities, which aligned with operational expectations.

Officials gathered at one of the Zayed City School campuses to celebrate the opening in the presence of His Excellency Mubarak Hamad Al Mheiri, Undersecretary at ADEK, His Excellency Badr Al-Olama, Director General at ADIO, Dr. Tareq Al Ameri, Assets and Facilities Office Director at ADEK, and senior officials from the BESIX-Plenary consortium, including Mr. Peter Lembrechts, General Manager BESIX Middle East, Elias Sfeir, Head of Concessions and Assets BESIX Middle East, Benoit Vadani, Director of Development BESIX Middle East, Paul Crowe, C.I.O. Plenary Group, Moustafa Fahour, C.O.O. Plenary Middle East, Oliver Barbagello, Executive Director - Origination Plenary Middle East, and Sergio Calcarao, Managing Director - Origination Plenary Group. As the first educational facilities delivered through ADIO's P.P.P. procurement framework, the Zayed City Schools project aims to elevate the standard of educational facilities in the Emirate and serve as a model for increased private sector participation in delivering and financing public infrastructure across Abu Dhabi.

Yaser Al Nuaimi, Acting Head of Infrastructure Partnerships at ADIO, said: "The Zayed City Schools project exemplifies the transformative power of public-private partnerships in realizing Abu Dhabi's future-focused infrastructure development. By leveraging private sector expertise in design, construction, and financing, we've created world-class educational facilities to empower students with the learning spaces they need to reach their highest potential. This success paves the way for further collaboration, offering our private sector partners unprecedented opportunities to contribute to Abu Dhabi's sustainable growth while capitalizing on long-term investment returns."



TODAY'S TALENT MEETS THE NEEDS OF TOMORROW

in the news

Leading higher education and skills development institutions at Dubai Knowledge Park and Dubai International Academic City are set to welcome thousands of learners worldwide as the 2024-25 academic year commences in the UAE with a wide range of future-focused programs introduced to help today's talent meet tomorrow's needs. Aiming to unite academic learning with evolving job market demands as the potential of technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) permeate across the economy, the new programs at Dubai

Knowledge Park and Dubai International Academic City offer future-ready skills in transformative and emerging sectors such as green energy, financial technology, and sports performance.

"As we stand at the precipice of a new era defined by complexity and rapid transformation, education is the pillar upon which we must build our future," said Marwan Abdulaziz Janahi, Senior Vice President of Dubai Knowledge Park and Dubai International Academic City, at TECOM Group PJSC. "We must empower our youth with knowledge and the tools to become solutions architects. Our districts are proud to be the home of educational partners empowering our city's talent pool with the future readiness, critical thinking, and collaborative innovation needed to achieve the goals of Dubai Economic Agenda 'D33'."

This commitment is evident in the new programs being introduced in the 2024-25 academic year at the districts, which comprise TECOM Group's Education Cluster. As global decision-makers recognize the role of education in nurturing climate resilience, the University of Wollongong Dubai, based at Dubai Knowledge Park, will offer a new curriculum of short executive courses in sustainable green hydrogen technology to support the global transition to a sustainable future. Expanding its offering to equip professionals with future-ready skills, the university has also launched the Blockchain Innovation and Analytics Lab to research blockchain technologies, explore industry synergies, and establish collaborative partnerships with industry and government entities.

Aspiring leaders seeking flexible learning pathways can also explore the new MDX Dubai MBA (Daytime Delivery) program at Middlesex University Dubai. Offered within the brand-new Global MBA Study Hub at the university's Dubai International Academic City campus, the program provides a unique alternative to traditional evening programs.

The university is also launching the MSc Sports Performance Analysis course to equip students with advanced skills amid growing demand for precision in performance metrics, as exemplified by the Paris Olympics 2024, while its new MSc Financial Technology program addresses the burgeoning fintech sector's need for expertise in areas like AI, machine learning, and cryptocurrencies. Its new MSc Legal Technology course will delve into cybersecurity, AI, privacy, and data protection to prepare students for successful legal careers with a focus on technology.



CALLING YOUNG PADEL ENTHUSIASTS

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Building on the success of the first three terms, McDonald's UAE is excited to announce that its Junior Padel Academy is back for a fourth term. Aimed at making the dynamic and fast-growing sport of padel accessible to kids aged 8-12, the Academy continues to empower young kids with professional training from top-class padel coaches across the UAE. Reflecting on the growing popularity of Padel in the UAE, the McDonald's Junior Padel Academy has welcomed more than 1,500 kids since its inception, fostering a vibrant sporting community that encourages both physical and social development. With registrations open for term four, parents are invited to sign up their young ones for a unique 10-week program designed to enhance skills, boost confidence, and promote a healthy lifestyle.

"The Academy goes beyond teaching Padel skills. It's where teamwork is nurtured, self-motivation is built, and a passion for physical activity is sparked," said Walid Fakih, CEO at McDonald's UAE. "We are deeply committed to supporting sports and promoting an active lifestyle across our community. We aim to create a positive environment where kids can learn, grow, and have fun while staying active."

McDonald's Junior Padel Academy offers 90-minute sessions every Saturday, providing hands-on professional training from top coaches. At the end of the 10-week course, all participants are invited to a celebratory awards ceremony that recognizes the great efforts and progress of the kids who took part.

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