

AL SHOHUB PRIVATE SCHOOL
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The Voice



Mrs. Lisa Passante
Principal

Many of our students have been enjoying 'Learning Beyond the Classroom' this week, with several year groups going out on school trips throughout Abu Dhabi as well as Dubai.

There are many educational benefits of school trips:

- 1) Students enjoy experiential learning, applying their knowledge and understanding of what they have learned in class, to real life situations.
- 2) They learn more about their culture.
- 3) They build greater bonds between students as well as students and teachers; we often see more of a student's personality when they are outside the classroom which is always a pleasure to see.
- 4) They improve students' critical thinking skills

In addition, students learn to become more independent when outside of school, and are given additional responsibilities, particularly students of secondary age.

On all of our school trips to date, our students have demonstrated exemplary behaviour, which has regularly been commented upon by fellow visitors or employees at the venues we have attended. It is always such a pleasure to hear that our students are super ambassadors for Al Shohub.

A reminder that we now have a mid-term break and we will return to school on Wednesday 12th February. We wish all of our families a wonderful break.



Year 2 Corals and Year 2 Seashells
during their visit to the Zoo this week

MESSAGES FROM OUR HEADS



Ms. Alison Lloyd
Head of Primary

Over the past 2 weeks, I have had the pleasure to be in lessons seeing all of the exciting learning that is happening at Al Shohub. From world travel and writing with ice pens in the Foundation Stage to converting text into play scripts in Year 6. I have had so much fun and I, like our students, learnt a lot! In Arabic, Islamic and Social Studies lessons myself and the students learnt new phonics sounds in Nursery, developed our understanding of Wudu in Year 2 and secured our knowledge of UAE history in Year 3.

It gives me so much pleasure to let you know our students are making very good progress in all areas of curriculum, developing their independence and are now eager to face new academic challenges. Keep up the hard work everyone, we really are now seeing the benefits!



Ms. Su Boyd
Head of Secondary

As our students have been venturing out on school trips they have been making us proud within the community. Our Year 11 girls were entered in to a poetry competition called Poetic Hearts. 150 schools entered the competition and only 15 schools were selected and won a place. This is credit to the creative work our students do within the English department. Our Head Girl said "If all of our class had read out their poems then we would still be a cut above the other schools", I am proud to agree with her! All the students were elated at how well Alyaa Khalifa Al Ali did with her reading, she really was a well-deserved winner.

Al Shohub has had winning students for the past two years, we look forward to entering next year to showcase our students' talent again!

We have been observing lessons over the last couple of weeks and it has been super to see students getting the most out of their lessons. Staff are using Blooms Taxonomy to structure their students' learning and to guide them in a critical thinking process. Students are also able to use their progress walls effectively in class to measure their own progress in lessons.

We hope you enjoy your time over the mid term break and that students get a good balance of revision, home learning and family time.



YEAR 2 DOLL MAKING WORKSHOP

Year 2 were lucky enough to be invited to Ajyal International School to join them in a doll making workshop on Monday. The workshop offered us great My Identity links as the girls created dolls that reflected UAE heritage and culture. We also got to enjoy songs and performances celebrating UAE culture. We had an amazing day and came home with lovely souvenirs too!

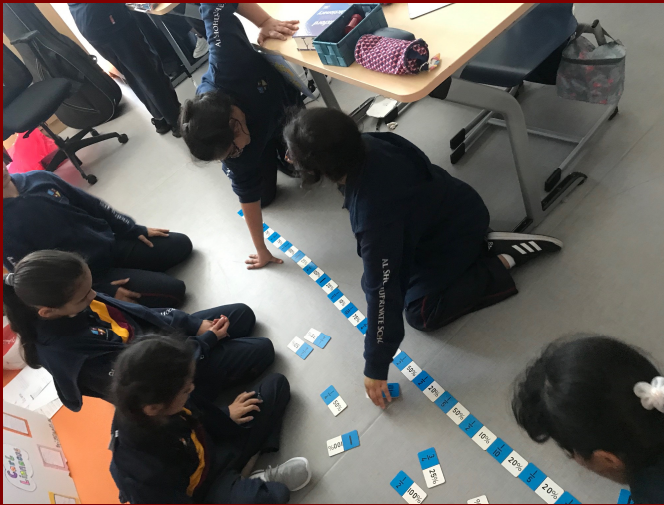


YEAR 4

In celebration of the science festival in Abu Dhabi this week, Year 4 have made erupting volcanoes. We made our volcanoes by gluing newspaper to a plastic bottle and once dried, we painted our volcanoes. Next, we mixed together: white vinegar, water, washing liquid and baking soda together. The mixing of the ingredients caused a chemical reaction to happen where gas was produced. Year 4 were able to explain that the eruption happens because gases move freely; because there is not enough room in the plastic bottle for the gas to spread, it leaves the plastic bottle through the opening at the top which as a result, causes the liquid to rise and the eruption to happen.



YEAR 6—24/24 children had 100% fun!

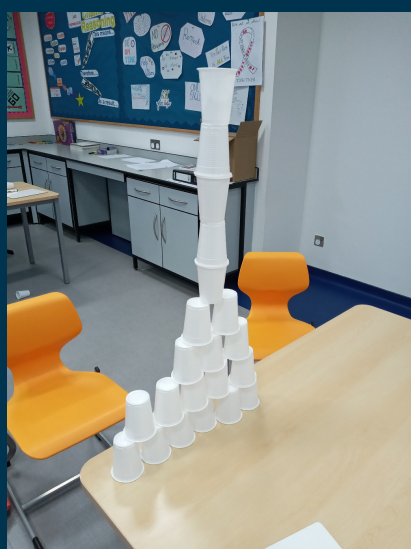
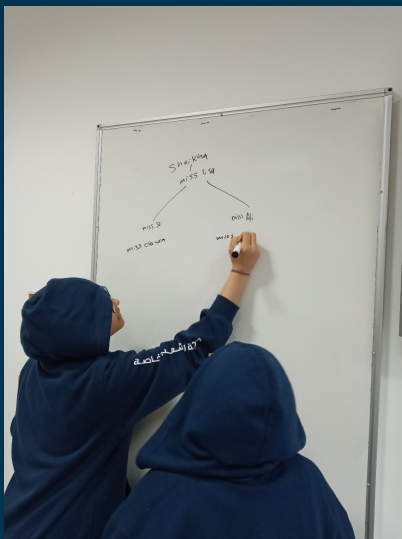


Over the last 6 weeks we have been learning all about Decimals, Fractions and Percentages. We spent our lessons remembering what we already knew, understanding the different calculation methods and formulae and finally, applying all of our new knowledge. We got the chance to solve some problems using our new skills, and even create some of our own percentage problems! In this lesson, we had different stations with games relating to our unit of work. We had a lot of fun whilst using our reasoning skills to finish the game! Year 6 can now help calculate how much money you will save during the sales! Bring on the bargains!



BUSINESS STUDIES

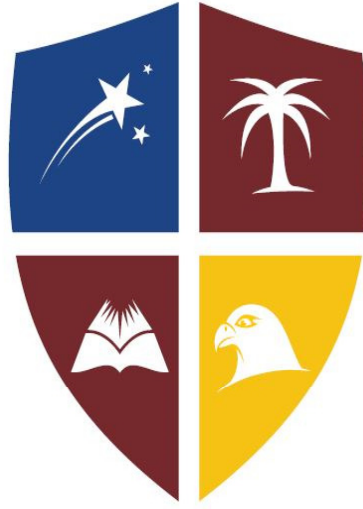
In Term one, we looked at the different types of businesses that there are, how to set one up and how a business can expand. In Term 2 we are now looking at what is happening inside the business. This includes looking at how a business is managed and organised. As part of Sustainability Week, we were challenged with the task of having a paper-free lesson. The students were given the opportunity to write on the windows and even the teacher's whiteboard. The girls successfully managed to draw the organizational structure of the school. We also had a fun activity of using plastic cups to demonstrate how a business can be structured. Some structures were significantly taller than others! The students were able to analyse the structures that they made discussing the advantages and disadvantages of each.



YEAR 9 VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST YOUTH EXPO

Al Shohub students participated and engaged in the Expo Youth 2020 in Abu Dhabi and represented the school with a wide range of questions to panel presenters throughout the day. Our students engaged with Marshall the interactive entertainment robot who challenged them with questions exploring their role as a global citizen of the world. They were invited to look at how they could become part of the change for global responsibility for fashion and the creation of sustainable design, and they were challenged to question and look at the role of women in leadership, equality and diversity. At the end of the day Al Shohub students were inspired to write a note of gratitude after they were introduced to Laurence Anthony De Guzman, who is the Grassroots Ambassador for Tolerance, Resilience & Happiness. Our students listened to his story of how being a pupil of determination has made him resilient, as well as the commitment and drive he has had in order to become a skilled pianist at the age of 15. The students were inspired by his stage performance and created messages of thanks, gratitude and appreciation for their love of the UAE. These messages were tied to the gratitude tree and symbolic of the empathy and belief our students have of our UAE.





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