

Wadi Waves

Events and News at a glance



2023-24

INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Students, Parents, Teachers and School Management,

Education is not just about acquiring knowledge; it is about fostering curiosity, creativity, and confidence. At Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir, we are dedicated to creating a vibrant learning environment that nurtures innovation, equips students with future-ready skills, and encourages the freedom to express thoughts and ideas.

Our school is a dynamic space where every student is empowered to explore, question, and grow. Through academics, co-curricular activities, and a range of school events, we aim to provide opportunities that develop critical thinking, leadership, and collaboration—skills essential for success in an ever-evolving world. I encourage every student to actively participate in the diverse programs we offer, as these experiences shape well-rounded individuals ready to embrace the challenges of the future.



This journey of learning and self-discovery is made possible through the unwavering support of our dedicated teachers, engaged parents, and the visionary leadership of our school management. Your contributions in fostering a culture of encouragement, inclusivity, and excellence make all the difference. Together, we create an environment where students are not only academically prepared but also confident in expressing their thoughts and actions responsibly.

A special note of appreciation to the editorial team of *Wadi Waves* for capturing the essence of our school community in this edition. Their dedication and effort in bringing our achievements and aspirations to life are truly commendable.

As we embark on this new term, let us continue to inspire, innovate, and strive for excellence together. I look forward to seeing our students thrive, explore their passions, and make the most of the opportunities ahead.

With Best Wishes

D N Rao
Principal

Message from the Vice Principal

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

It is with great pride and joy that I extend my warmest greetings to you all through *Wadi Waves*, our school's annual magazine. This publication is a testament to the creativity, dedication, and talent of our students and faculty, capturing the vibrant spirit of our school community.

Each page reflects the hard work, achievements, and aspirations of our students, showcasing their literary prowess, artistic expressions, and academic accomplishments. It is heartening to see how our learners embrace challenges, explore new horizons, and strive for excellence in all they do.

Education is not just about acquiring knowledge; it is about fostering curiosity, developing critical thinking, and nurturing values that shape responsible global citizens. As we flip through these pages, let us celebrate the collective efforts that make our school a place of learning, growth, and innovation.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the editorial team, teachers, and students whose dedication and enthusiasm have made this edition of *Wadi Waves* possible. May this magazine continue to inspire and serve as a platform for our students to express their thoughts, dreams, and achievements.

Wishing you all continued success and joy in learning!

Jayaprakash K Pillai

Vice Principal



Message From The Asst. Vice Principal- Humanities:

Dear Parents and My Dear Learners,

“Real education consists in drawing the best out of yourself.” -
Swami Vivekananda

As we step into 2025, we welcome the dynamic Beta Generation - a generation of innovators, critical thinkers, and problem solvers. This year, let us focus on nurturing essential skills that will empower our students to tackle challenges with confidence and creativity.

At Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir, we take pride in our unwavering commitment to holistic development, continuously upskilling both



students and educators. Our mission is to foster an environment where every child is encouraged to explore their potential, develop essential life skills, and grow into responsible global citizens.

May 2025 be a year of growth, learning, and excellence, where we inspire young minds to not only dream but also develop the skills to turn those dreams into reality. Together, let's build a future driven by resilience, innovation, and collaboration.

Wishing everyone a successful and enriching year ahead!

Roshni Mazumdar
(AVP Humanities)

Head Boy's Message-2023-2024

A Ticking Clock

"Remember, life is a race; if you don't run fast, you'll get trampled." - 3 Idiots
The quote from one of India's favorite movies is not just theoretical. We all grow up with the notion that life is a race, and we must be first to win it. Greetings to my dear readers of ISWK. It feels like just yesterday that I was sitting in the school library reading 'Wadi Waves' and seeing what the head boy had to say. I never imagined that one day it would be me writing a message. Summing up 12 years of school life in a small article is extremely challenging, but I would love to share some of the most important lessons I have learned at this wonderful institution.



Returning to the quote I mentioned, I believe that everyone around us wants us to be caught in the perception that life is a race to be won. Learning at ISWK has made me strong enough to oppose this notion. I believe life should be viewed as a ticking clock rather than a race. It would be a mistake to see it otherwise. Based on my personal experiences, I had some classmates who were academic geniuses for whom studying was a breeze. Topping the class was one of their smallest achievements. I was always intimidated and tried my best to compete in this petty race. However, I observed that they genuinely loved to study, whereas I did not. Eventually, I realized I was running a race that would inevitably end in failure for me.

My dear friends, it is important to understand that each of us is different. We all have our own strengths and weaknesses. ISWK provides you with the opportunity to explore your strengths and build upon them. This place made me realize that I had other strengths, and if I had never pursued them, I would have graduated school with nothing to be grateful for. Sometimes I truly believe that the only way to do great work is to pursue what you love. If you haven't found it yet, do not settle. School life is full of ups and downs, and it is meant to be that way.

Another lesson I learned from this institute is that if you have the right people around you, the ups are more memorable and the downs are more bearable. Keep your friends close, as the journey ahead will be challenging, and I hope you enjoy every bit of it. If you are having a hard

time at school, remember that there is something out there waiting to be discovered, and it is destined just for you. You have the power to shape your future by working hard and finding joy in what you do. My dear friends, the clock of life is always ticking, but we must ensure that we are happy as each tick passes by. I would like to end this message with a final thought: no matter how big the problem, just keep your hand on your heart and say, "All is well."

Vardhan Dhat

Head Boy

Head Girl's Message-2023-2024

Childhood nostalgia has to be one of the strongest emotions. Old photographs remind me of how ISWK's hallways carry so many core memories from my finger - painting days where I made my first friends- to homework and missing PE being the greatest of my concerns.

Dr. Suess was right when he said that you'll never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory because I can't put a price on what I'd pay to live those days again. If I had to talk about one takeaway from school life it would be the lesson of balance.



Because amidst the tales of fun and games also lie several untold stories of embarrassment, failure, fear and doubt that had to be lived in order to ultimately become worthy of writing this message today. I will forever be grateful to my school for giving me the space to grow through experience, and I hope we remind ourselves everyday of what a blessing it is to have access to such education, opportunities and comfort.

As an 18 year- old, I look ahead at life and hope to carry the same hope and spirit that 4 year - old me stepped into ISWK with, 14 years ago. To live a purposeful life, do whatever is in my power to make the world a better place, and hopefully inspire others along the way.

Sienna Shibu

Head Girl

CBSE BOARD RESULTS- 2023-24



**ISWK UNSTOPPABLE AGAIN: ACHIEVES REMARKABLE
SUCCESS IN CBSE EXAMINATIONS 2023-24**

Congratulations

PROUD ACHIEVERS

TOPPERS IN CLASS X BOARD EXAM (SSE 2023-2024)

First
98%



GITANJALI JAYAM IYER



SHOUVIK MATTI

Third
97.4%



LENORA MONIS

Second
97.8%



NIDHI NIHARA SABISH



ISWK UNSTOPPABLE AGAIN: ACHIEVES REMARKABLE SUCCESS IN CBSE EXAMINATIONS 2023-24

Congratulations

SCIENCE STREAM

TOPPERS IN CLASS XII BOARD EXAM (SSCE 2023-2024)

First
97.8%



OJAS PANDEY

Third
97.2%



KHUSHI YOGESH SINGH | OMKAR NAIK

Second
97.4%



TANMAY SHUKLA



ISWK UNSTOPPABLE AGAIN: ACHIEVES REMARKABLE SUCCESS IN CBSE EXAMINATIONS 2023-24

Congratulations

HUMANITIES STREAM

TOPPERS IN CLASS XII BOARD EXAM (SSCE 2023-2024)

First
93.4%



REEM MOHAMED ARIF

Second
93.2%



NUHA NIAZ

Third
90.8%



SIENNA SHIBU



**ISWK UNSTOPPABLE AGAIN: ACHIEVES REMARKABLE
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Congratulations

COMMERCE STREAM

TOPPERS IN CLASS XII BOARD EXAM (SSCE 2023-2024)

First
98.6%



GUNJAN KARWANI

Second
96%



MIHEER DHALANI NANIK

Third
95.8%



AHLAAM AMEEN
CHEEKILODAN KORACHA

EMPOWERING FUTURE LEADERS: ISWK INVESTS STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

“Leadership is about vision and responsibility, not power.” – Seth Berkley

With immense gratification and integrity, ISWK proudly invested its elected Student Council members and Office Bearers for the academic year 2023-2024 on 4th May. Captain Harish Srinivasan, Defence Advisor, Indian Embassy, Sultanate of Oman was the Chief Guest for the stately Investiture Ceremony. Mrs. Gargi Chugh, Honorary President of the School Management Committee of ISWK International, Mr. Rajesh Soneji, Co-convenor & Co-treasurer of the School Management Committee of ISWK, Mr. D.N. Rao, Principal, Vice Principals and parents were present in the school Multi-Purpose Hall on this august occasion. The Chief Guest was ushered with elaborate fanfare. After the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries, the school western music choir offered a prayer song.

The Investiture Ceremony commenced with the presentation of badges to the members of the Head Council as well as the House Office Bearers by Honourable Chief Guest who conferred the badges of both the senior as well as junior categories- Master Vardhan Sameer Dhat (Senior Head Boy), Miss Sienna Shibu (Senior Head Girl), Master Johann Gladson (Junior Head Boy), Miss Sarah Khan (Junior Head Girl), Master Sajad Ahmed Shaikh (Senior Deputy Head Boy), Miss Aagna Bhavin Kothari (Senior Deputy Head Girl), Master Sreehari Prasanth (Junior Deputy Head Boy), Miss Aishani Sudhakara Shetty (Junior Deputy Head Girl), Master Jamil Ahmed (Boy Sports Coordinator Senior), Miss Jayavarsaa Sivakumar (Girl Sports Coordinator Senior), Master Faaz Ahmed (Boy Sports Coordinator Junior), Miss Tapasya Tilwani (Girl Sports Coordinator Junior), Master Ashwanth Jayakumar (Boy Cultural Coordinator Senior), Miss Tarnjot Kaur (Girl Cultural Coordinator Senior), Master Mithil Vekatesh (Boy Cultural Coordinator Junior), Miss Fathima Sheikh (Girl Cultural Coordinator Junior), Master Vinayak Vinod Kumar (Boy Public Relations Coordinator) and Miss Harshini Tiruvottriyur (Girl Public Relations Coordinator) Master Samuel Paul Seeralan (Boy Public Relations Coordinator Junior) and Miss Joshika Bellary Polapally (Girl Public Relations Coordinator Junior). The newly appointed Prefects of Classes 6 to 12 were invested by Mr. Rajesh Soneji, Co-convenor, Co-treasurer of the School Management Committee of ISWK.

In his impressive address to the elected Student Body, Captain Harish Srinivasan, Defence Advisor, Indian Embassy, Sultanate of Oman, reminded them of their noteworthy status and the responsibility that they would be required to shoulder. He emphasized on the need for young people to take on professional services with the Indian Armed Forces, as it offered each one an opportunity to do one's bit for the nation and also gave officers a lifetime of experiences to cherish and feel proud of.

The Chief Guest's inspiring speech was followed by the formal signing of the Oath of Office. In the presence of Captain Harish Srinivasan, Mrs. Gargi Chugh and Mr. D.N. Rao, the Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl of both the senior and junior categories ratified the Oath as a symbol of acceptance of their duties and responsibilities vested upon them. Donning

their new roles as Student leaders, committed to lead from the front, one could feel a new wave of enthusiasm surging within them.

To mark the end of the solemn proceedings, the school's Hindustani choir captured the explicit emotions of the student leaders in the words of a stimulating song, *DIL MEY MERE KUCH SAPNE*. The programme concluded with a rendition of the National Anthem and everyone captured the mood of the day with an elaborate and vibrant photo-session.



ACTIVITIES from A.B.L.E Department 2023-24

CAREER SESSION - MAY 2023

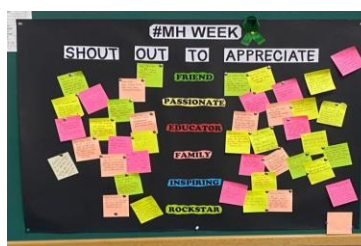
The A.B.L.E. department conducted a career guidance session on 'Make a Career Choice' on 6th of May 2023 from 10:00 am. A wide variety of aspects were discussed starting from the difference in between career counseling and career guidance, key to choosing the right career and errors made, a range of careers that are upcoming in the near future, the psychometric testing platform, the list of documents required for applications and the importance of soft skills required in our lives.



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK - OCT 2023

During the month of October, the department spread awareness about a healthy mental health among all the students and staff by involving them in various activities. This year, the activities were spread over a week from grade III - XII. Wellbeing sessions were conducted for Grade III - IX students. A worry jar was placed in the campus for students to share their concerns.

A Special assembly was conducted by the A.B.L.E department with the involvement of the SEN students. An activity was conducted “Shout-out to Appreciate” for the staff. Resource person, Mr. Nalin Chandana was invited to address our grade X students on navigating stress, setting goals and embracing imperfections.



IDP IELTS TESTING VENUE - NOV 2023

ISWK has officially been designated as a venue for IDP IELTS Testing at the Cambridge block, which is open to all candidates. This recognition as an IDP IELTS Testing Venue is a significant milestone for our school, and we take pride in contributing to the academic and professional aspirations of our students and the broader community.



JOY OF GIVING- DEC 2023

This initiative was a donation drive conducted across all the grades. The motive of the event was to create a sense of sharing among the students for the less fortunate during the season of giving. Students were requested to donate a hygiene kit for the labor camp.



Other activities conducted throughout the year:

The A.B.L.E Department successfully conducted various sessions throughout the year for the students, teachers and parents. The sessions and awareness programs were conducted on Autism, Anti Bullying, Transition, Be Well-Teach Well, University career fairs, leadership etc.





YOGA EVENTS - 2023

Like every year, to mark the International day of Yoga, this year also various yoga events were held during the month of May at ISWK. The events were:

08 Surya Namaskar Marathon



Inter House Yoga Competition **Yoga sessions for teachers and parents**



ENGLISH ELOCUTION COMPETITION-VI-VIII

The department of English organized an inter-house English Elocution Competition for Classes VI-VIII on 20th August 2023. The competition witnessed enthusiastic preparation and participation of students from all the four houses. The parameter for the judgement was content, fluency, confidence and presentation. The finalists displayed their oratory skills with zeal and enthusiasm. The competition culminated with a few words of encouragement by the judges and the vice principal. The winners were presented with certificates of appreciation, and books of fiction.



ENGLISH ELOCUTION COMPETITION-IX-XII

The Senior Inter-House Elocution Competition was held on 9th May 2023, showcasing the eloquence and oratory skills of our students. This year the competition was judged by the esteemed Mrs. Jisha Sebastian from ISM, Mrs. Aeman Khan from ISWKi and Mrs. Jisha. S. Nair from ISD whose expertise in public speaking and communication greatly contributed to the event's success.

The competition featured students from grades IX to XII from various houses, each delivering compelling speeches and poems on a pre-assigned topic. The event was marked by enthusiastic participation, with students demonstrating their rhetorical skills, confidence and depth of understanding.



The Senior Inter-House Elocution Competition was a remarkable display of talent and preparation. The participants impressed both the judges and the audience with their well-crafted speeches and confident poetical recitation. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the winners and participants for their exceptional performances.

INTER-HOUSE ENGLISH DEBATE COMPETITION- CLASSES 6-8

The department of English organized an inter-house debate competition for classes VI-VIII on 30th October 2023. The participants enthusiastically showcased their oratory skills. Akbar house emerged as the winner, securing the 1st position. Ashoka house claimed the 2nd position, Ashoka house stood 3rd and Vivekananda in the 4th place.

Best Speaker (For)	Zayan Syed	8E	Akbar House
Best Speaker (Against)	Druv Rishikesh	7D	Ashoka House
Best Rebuttal	Zayan Syed	8E	Akbar House
Consolation Prize:	Johan Rixon	8G	Akbar House
Tied between two participants	Sanjana Senthil Anand	7G	Tagore House
Best Team	Zayan Syed & Johan Rixon		Akbar House



MON AVIS

ISWK hosts 'Mon Avis'- Inter School Debate Competition 2023

Mon Avis, the annual inter school English debate competition was hosted by Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir under the aegis of the Board of Directors, Indian Schools, Sultanate of Oman on the 11th of October. The stage was set for the intellectual battle where the finest minds from sixteen prestigious Indian schools, totalling a commendable assembly of thirty-two participants, displayed their intellectual prowess.



This year's inter school debate competition was unique for two reasons: one is the change in its name from Polemic Debate to '**Mon Avis**', a French phrase that means 'my opinion'. Secondly, the new logo of Mon Avis has been designed by Mrs. Anju Sujith of the department of English, ISWK which has been unanimously selected as the official logo for Mon Avis.

His Excellency Shri Amit Narang, Ambassador of India to the Sultanate of Oman, graced the event as the Chief Guest. Accompanying him were luminaries such as Shri Kiran Asher, CEO of Al Ansari Group of Companies and a valued patron, Mr. Harshendu Shah, former member of the SMC of ISWK, Mr. Rajendra Ved, Executive Director of ISWK and ISWK International School Management Committees, Dr Sivakumar Manickam, Chairman, Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman, Mr. M.P. Vinoba, Senior Principal and Education Advisor, Board of Directors and Dr Alex Joseph, Assistant Education Advisor, Board of Directors, Mr D.N. Rao, Principal of ISWK, Vice Principals, teachers of the participating schools, staff and students.

The participants engaged in a riveting debate, the topic of which was, "Artificial Intelligence will transform the world into a better place to live." The distinguished panel of judges, comprising Dr John Philips Mathew, senior English Language Officer with the Ministry of Education, Dr Sandhya Rao Mehta, Associate Professor at the esteemed Sultan Qaboos University and Dr Binu



James Mathew, Assistant Professor at College of Banking and Financial Studies, undertook the formidable task of adjudicating the prestigious competition.

In the grand theatre of Mon Avis, it was the effulgent debaters from Indian School Muscat who triumphantly lifted the prestigious Ambassador's Rolling Trophy, their eloquence and erudition shining like beacons. The Best Speaker award was unequivocally bestowed upon Calida

Simona Machado of Indian School Muscat. The Second best-speaker award was adroitly claimed by the articulate Zaina Fathima of Indian School Salalah, while the accomplished Sienna Shibu of Indian School Wadi Kabir received the Consolation Prize. The award for the Best Rebuttal, a testament to quick-wittedness and insight, was awarded to Tarnjot Kaur of Indian School Wadi Kabir.

In his address to the august assembly, His Excellency Shri Amit Narang eloquently underscored the paramount importance of constructive dialogue in a world being irrevocably shaped by the transformative force of artificial intelligence. He astutely noted that, despite the apparent simplicity of the topic, the debaters' arguments unveiled two distinct and profound perspectives. The Mon Avis inter school debate competition of 2023, beyond being a mere debate, became a means of enlightenment and empowerment for the young debaters. It provided an invaluable crucible for them to articulate their views and refine their art of eloquence.

OUR PROUD WINNERS OF MON AVIS:



ACTIVITIES FROM DEPT. OF HINDI

INTER HOUSE HINDI DEBATE COMPETITION

The Department of Hindi added one more feather to its cap by organizing INTER HOUSE HINDI DEBATE on 11th December 2023. The competition was held in two categories.

I category- classes 9 & 10 and the **II category** -classes 11 & 12. After a rigorous selection process, two students from each House participated in both the categories. The topics of the debate were-
Classes 9 & 10 – Daughters are more emotionally attached to their parents than sons. Classes 11 & 12- The present education system is a failure in inculcating human values in the students.

The participants had to present their arguments in front of a panel of judges. The judges were looking for well-constructed arguments, supported by relevant evidence and delivered with conviction. This competition was an excellent platform for students to showcase their critical thinking, public speaking and analytical skills. Such competitions are not only important for their academic growth but also play a significant role in their personal development.



INTER HOUSE HINDI ELOCUTION COMPETITION

An Inter-house Hindi Elocution Competition was organized on 24th August, 2023 for classes 6th, 7th & 8th at Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir. Beauty is the realm of poetry. The competition inspired the young poets to come forward and recite on stage. They enthralled the audience with their articulation and memory skills while reciting poems. It was a splendid opportunity for them to gain confidence through stage exposure. The students were judged on the parameters like confidence, voice modulation, memory and overall presentation.



The event was a grand success. The credit goes to the extremely bright and intelligent students who participated in the event. ISWK always encourages such competitions and hopes to bring out the best from the student community through such competitive events, while ensuring that the children learn through all possible ways – not just from text books.

VIRTUAL PROGRAM - INTEREST TOWARDS HINDI LITERATURE

Under the Aegis of the Ministry of Education, Mauritius organized a virtual program on 7th October 2023. Students from all over the world participated in this program. DEV NEEL MEHTA (9-B), Indian School Al wadi Al Kabir, recited a poem. Mr. ANIL BARTARE-HOD-HINDI spoke on the topic-Children Literature. The program was a grand success and well appreciated by the audience.



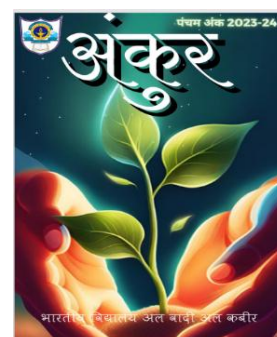
BHARATIYA BHASHA UTSAV

As directed by the Central Board of Secondary Education, Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav was conducted from 26th October 2023 to 1st November 2023 at Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir to promote language learning through the use of regional languages and technology. Various activities like Slogan writing, Dialogue delivery, Poetry writing, Poster making, Group song were conducted in different Indian languages.



‘ANKUR’-HINDI E-MAGAZINE LAUNCH-

The 5th issue of Hindi E-Magazine- ‘ANKUR’-was inaugurated by our Principal Mr.D.N.Rao on 14th November, 2023 and the effort received much appreciation from the students, teachers, parents and the school authorities. An editorial board of two teachers- Mrs. K.Nowshad Firoz & Mrs. Anubala and six students-Saiansh Singh(9 B), Suhaib(10 D), Veera(10 D), Arsh Javed(10 D), Aamir Tariq(9 B), Tanmaya(9 E) put up a strenuous effort to invite poems, essays, pictures and short stories from the students. Minor additions and alterations were made by the board which indeed helped the magazine to attain excellence.



Arabic Poem Recitation Competition

Arabic Poem Recitation Competition held on 18th January 2024, was a spectacular event which showcased impressive talents from the participants. The event was organized by the department of Arabic. A total of 20 students participated from various classes. The event had two rounds, and the first round was an elimination round in which participants recited a poem of their choice. The top 7 participants were selected for the final round.

The final round was a nerve-wracking experience for both the participants and the judges. The participants recited poems on various themes, including love, patriotism, and life. The recitations were judged based on factors such as the content of the poem, delivery, and overall performance.

The judges for the competition were Mr. Mohammed Haneef and Mrs. Ajitha. They had the challenging task of selecting the top three participants from the final round of all the three classes VI to VIII. After much deliberation, the winners were announced. The winners were presented with certificates of appreciation, and books of fiction

The event was an exceptional display of talent and cultural richness, as participants embraced the Arabic language and recited poems with passion and emotion. The organizers hope to continue such events in the future to promote Arabic literature and enhance cultural exchange.



Department of Science Activities (2023–24)

Doctor's Visit:

The **Department of Science** organized a **Doctor's Visit** for the students of **Class 12** on **April 12, 2023**, on the topic "*Reproductive Health*." The session emphasized the importance of achieving complete **physical, mental, and social well-being** and aimed to create awareness about maintaining a healthy lifestyle within society.

Annual Science Fiesta

In **May 2023**, students actively participated in the **Annual Science Fiesta 2023**, themed "*India's Space Journey: Moon, Mars & Beyond*." The event provided students and teachers with an inspiring opportunity to interact with **Dr. Mylswamy Annadurai**, a renowned scientist, during a special interactive session. The experience deepened their understanding of India's remarkable achievements in space exploration and encouraged scientific curiosity among learners.



Earth Day

The students and teachers celebrated **Earth Day** on the theme "*Invest in Our Planet*," spreading awareness about the use of **solar energy**, **making eco-friendly pens**, and **recycling paper** to promote sustainable living.

Muscat Science Fest

Students also had the opportunity to participate in the **Muscat Science Fest 2023**, gaining valuable exposure to innovative scientific ideas. Additionally, a **seminar on "Applications of Physics in**

the **Medical Field**” was conducted by **Prof. Dr. Ramamoorthy Ravichandran**, providing insightful knowledge on the intersection of science and healthcare.

Mission Life



“**Mission Life**”, a mega exhibition cum cultural activities, was organised where many students actively participated. The cultural theme was “**Green Doings, Green Rewards**”.



Science Innovation Club

Science Innovation Club plays a crucial role in fostering a deep interest in science among students and encouraging them to explore and think creatively. By offering a platform for hands-on experiments, scientific discussions, and collaborative projects, science innovation club not only enhance students' understanding of the subject but also nurture their problem-solving and critical thinking skills. The club also provides a supportive and engaging environment for students to connect with like-minded peers and mentors who can further inspire and motivate them.

Mrs. Jenifer Robinson honoured with CBSE's award for excellence in teaching

The School Management Committee, the Principal, the staff and the students of ISWK congratulate its faculty Mrs. Jenifer Robinson (Head of Department Science & French) as she receives the CBSE honour for Excellence in Teaching and School Leadership 2021-22.

It indeed is an extremely proud and happy moment for the ISWK fraternity, as Mrs. Jenifer Robinson is the only teacher amongst all other teachers from outside India who bagged this prestigious award.

Out of all the CBSE schools situated outside India, viz., Middle-East countries, African countries and Southeast Asian countries, INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR has had the distinct privilege of its faculty bagging this honour. Heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Jenifer!

The Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of India, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan awarded the prestigious recognition from the CBSE to her in a grandiose ceremony on Teachers' Day, 5th September 2022 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi.

Mrs. Jenifer started her teaching career at ISWK in the year 2003 teaching Chemistry at the senior classes XI and XII. She proved her mettle through sheer hard work, dedication and commitment and was promoted to the position of Head of Departments – Science and French.

This award is a feather in her cap and has added glory to ISWK, as this is a genuine recognition of her outstanding performance at school, her professionalism, dedication and passion for teaching.



ISWK Students in Oman demonstrate their love for the planet at the Oman Sustainability Fair 2024

Ten schools from Muscat and Sohar participated in the Oman Sustainability Fair 2024 which turned the arc-lights on young and ambitious dreams for making the planet a better place to live in.

Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir bags Overall Winners position

The team worked in harmony in groups dividing and delegating the tasks among themselves based on their own skill sets.



ECO Savvy

At Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir, we believe that small steps lead to big changes. As part of our commitment to sustainable practices, our students presented innovative ideas at the Sustainability Fair. Each member contributed an idea related to sustainability, which was collaboratively developed into a unified presentation under the guidance of our teachers-in-charge.

Despite the clash with final examinations, the team dedicated time each day to prepare models and charts, completing the project on schedule. The event provided an enriching platform to enhance teamwork, creativity, and awareness of sustainable living. Students also learned valuable insights from other participants and gained a deeper understanding of Oman Vision 2040 and its focus on sustainability.

ISWK HOSTS WADI KABIR MODEL UN ASSEMBLY -2023



Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir hosted the 9th edition of the Wadi Kabir Model UN assembly with 54 delegates from 13 Indian schools across Oman. This cluster of stunning and ambitious delegates shared an ever-growing vision for the future of space research and exploration.

The event was graced by the presence of H.E. Shri Amit Narang, the Ambassador of India to Oman, as the Chief Guest. Other eminent guests present at the inaugural ceremony were the esteemed members of the Indian embassy, Mr. Alkesh Joshi, honorary President of the school managing

committee of ISWK and Mrs. Gargi Chugh, honorary President of the school managing committee of ISWK International. Inaugurating the event, the Chief Guest spoke about the importance of having consensus when decisions are being taken. He also stressed on the 5 key attributes of a multilateral diplomat and lauded the motto of the event, 'From Argument to Consensus'. He also highlighted the significance of the agenda, especially in a world where technology and associated reforms, including Outer Space exploration, will play a substantial role in shaping our future.

WKMUN 2023, organized by the Department of Social Science of ISWK, engages students in authentic simulations of the United Nations and develops a wide range of skills in its participants, including the development of a global outlook and perspective towards different issues, education as a social responsibility, tolerance, research, confidence and self-esteem. Student delegates from various schools took part in the United Nations General Assembly, whose agenda was, "Redefining the Future of Outer Space. The event was adjudicated by a distinguished panel of toastmasters – Mr. George Thomas, Mrs. Soni Budhia and Mrs. Berlee Chacko. With the Committee producing a wide range of ideas to solve the issues involved in such detailed topics, each delegate proved to be more distinguished than the other. Mr. D N Rao, the Principal of Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir, was the Chief Guest for the Valedictory Ceremony. While addressing the gathering, he spoke in great depth about the opportunities awaiting each and every student in the new world, right from the UN to the various governments, where the students' skills of negotiation would be of great importance. He also emphasized in great detail on the vast opportunities and information available to students in today's world, and encouraged all participants to take part in various events including Model UN sessions in the future to hone their oratorical and diplomatic skills and talent. At the Valedictory Ceremony, the eminent delegates were felicitated by the judges and the school principal. The award for the best researcher was won by the delegate of Japan (Indian School Sur), outstanding diplomat award was bagged by the delegate of Oman (ISWK) while the Diplomacy Award 1 was presented to the delegate of South Africa (Indian School Nizwa). The Diplomacy Award 2 and Diplomacy Award 3 were presented to the delegate of USA (Indian School Muscat) and the delegate of India (ISWK International) respectively. The Chief Guest for the valedictory ceremony concluded the two days of debate, negotiation and engagement by adjourning the Conference. WKMUN 2023 was organized by the Department of Social Science of ISWK.



FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ART

ISWK ART COMPETITION – 2023

The ISWK Art Competition held on 23rd August 2023 witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 100 students across Grades 6 to 12. The event provided a vibrant platform for students to express their creativity and artistic talent through diverse themes and mediums.

Participants showcased impressive originality and imagination, making the competition both colourful and inspiring. Winners were awarded prizes in their respective categories, celebrating their outstanding artistic skills and effort.



A VISIT TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF OMAN.

A selected group of Grade 8 students visited the museum on 12th December 2023 to witness an exhibition featuring masterpieces by eminent Indian artists. The visit provided a valuable learning experience, allowing students to appreciate the richness of Indian art and creativity. They were deeply inspired by the paintings and gained insight into various artistic styles and techniques.



ISWK Music Dept. Events and Achievements for 2023-24

Indian Music

- 1) Inter house Solo singing competition
Date: 30th August 2023
Junior and senior categories
- 2) Inter School Talent Fest (ISTF)
Date: 7th Nov 2023
A+ Grade Merit- Ms. Jeyalalitha (X D) Carnatic Vocal Solo



Western Music

- 1) Vocal and Music Awards (VMA)
Date 30th and 31st August
Jr and Sr Inter house Music Competitions
For Guitar/violin/piano/vocals/Duets/drum
- 2) Inter School Talent Fest (ISTF)
Date: 7th Nov 2023
A Grade Merit- ROCK Band Team 1



ASHER ABIAH SANIL	IX I
IMMANUEL SANTHOSH	IX I

STEVYN MATHEW SURAJ	IX B
SARVESH KAMALNATH SINGH	IX H
DAVID ARTHUR	IX H
ALEN SAJI	IX G
NIDA FATHIMA	X G
JOCELYN JOY	XI A
MADHAV JAYACHANDRAN	XI A
PAVITHRA RAJESH MENON	XI B
JOHN ABRAHAM	XI A
ANGELINE GRACE BINU	XI A
JADON JOY	XI F
JOEL KOSHY	XII A
SUHAAS SURESH	X G
HARSH AMIT SHEDGE	X G





UNDER 19 BOYS CHAMPIONS TEAM:



CBSE CLUSTER GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2023
WADI KABIR GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM
CREATES THE HISTORY BY
BREAKING THEIR OWN RECORD,
BECOMING THE CHAMPIONS FOR
THE 12 CONSECUTIVE YEAR,



Under 19 boys 2nd Runners up



MAJOR EVENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

ADITYA BIRLA WORLD ACADEMY-10th Edition Infinity 2024

Triumphant Victory for ISWK Students at Infinity 2024 Mathematics Championship.

ISWK students once again showcased their exceptional mathematical prowess at the prestigious Infinity 2024 Championship, organized by Aditya Birla World Academy in collaboration with BITS Pilani. The 10th edition of the ultimate Mathematics competition drew participation from 540 teams worldwide, totalling more than 1600 participants

The Grand Finale, held in Mumbai featured the top 50 teams from each category: Advanced and Seniors. Among the finalists were two teams from the Advanced Category (Classes 11 and 12) and one from the Senior Category (Classes 9 and 10), all of whom achieved remarkable success.



In the Advanced level's Individual Round, titled 'Clash of Mathematicians,' **Tanmay Shukla** of Class 12 clinched the gold medal, while **Ayaan Khan** (Class 12), **Miheer Nanik Dhalani** (Class 12), and **Bibek Sanjeev** (Class 11) secured the Second Runner-up (bronze) medal. The Advanced Group - Math Challengers (Pass the Baton) witnessed another triumph, with the gold medal awarded to the team comprising **Bibek Sanjeev** (Class 11), **Miheer Nanik Dhalani** (Class 12),



and **Aman Iqbal** (Class 11). In the Seniors' individual round category, 'Clash of Mathematicians,' **Shashwat Singh** of Class 9 bagged the First Runner-up (silver) position. **Saiansh Singh** (Class 9), **Shouvik Maiti** (Class 10), and **Ojas Pandey** (Class 12) were also the distinguished finalists in this grand event. The esteemed Guests of Honour were Dr. James Tanton (Mathematician in Residence at the Mathematical Association of America in Washington D.C.) and Dr. Mark Saul, an educator, author, program director, and consultant in Mathematics education. The

event proved to be an uplifting and enriching experience for all team members who received commendation from the entire gathering.

Aryabhata Ganit Challenge

In pursuit of integrating mathematical principles with practical aspects of life, CBSE has introduced the Aryabhata Ganit Challenge during the AY 2019-20, catering to students in classes VIII-X of CBSE affiliated schools.

This year, around 5,50,000 students witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 5050 schools at the school level and 8,590 students participated in the national level at second stage. Upon successful completion of the second stage, the top 100 students from each CBSE region are conferred with a merit certificate. **Shashwat Singh (Class IX)** and **Parth Agrawal (Class X)** of ISWK are in the proud Top 100 position holders in Aryabhata Final round 2023.



Inter-house Mathematics Quiz

Inter-house Mathematics Quiz -Junior and Senior Category were held at ISWK. The Preliminary round was followed by the final round in which 2 selected participants from each house participated with full enthusiasm and zest.

MATH OLYMPIAD (SOF)

The world's biggest Olympiad exams for school students are diagnostic tests aimed at assessing students and assisting them to identify their skilled areas and help them improve through focused efforts. The IMO -LEVEL- 1 and LEVEL- 2 exams were conducted at ISWK.

SILVER ZONE International Olympiad



The Silver Zone Foundation International Olympiad lets the students meet both on national and international scales. The Silver zone Foundation Olympiad of Mathematics was held at ISWK.

ISTF (Rubik's Cube)

Date: 8/11/2023

Indian School Talent Fest is not just a competition, but it is a celebration of talents, where incredible talents meet to excel. ISWK students participated in the Rubik's Cube Senior and Junior Category. Ben Thomas Varughese **was the winner in the Rubik's Cube Junior** and secured 'A' Grade.

ISWK BIDS FAREWELL TO THE OUTGOING STUDENTS OF CLASS XII



The students, staff and school management of Indian school Al Wadi Al Kabir bade an emotional farewell to the students of class 12 of the outgoing batch of 2023-24 on 3rd February 2024 on the senior school premises. Mr. Padmanabhan Ananthan, Managing Director, Finance and Corporate Services of Bahwan Engineering Group, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman was the Chief Guest for the evening's programme. Other dignitaries present at the solemn ceremony were Sheikh Shri Anil Khimji, chief patron, Mr. Kiran Asher, Founder and Group Managing Director-Al Ansari Trading Enterprise, Mr. Alkesh Joshi Assistant Executive Director of ISWK and ISWK International school management committees, Mr. Sachin Toprani, honorary President of the school management committee of ISWK and other esteemed members of the school management committee. Vice Principals, Assistant Vice Principals, heads of various departments, coordinators, teachers, parents of the outgoing batch and the students of class 12 were all present to witness the grand ceremony.

The solemn ceremony commenced with lighting of the auspicious lamp by the honorable Chief Guest, Mr. Padmanabhan Ananthan, along with the school principal Mr. D N Rao, other esteemed dignitaries, the Head Boy and Head Girl of the outgoing batch. To shower their blessings on the students, a prayer song was sung by the teachers which added a spiritual and solemn touch to the proceedings, indicating a collective wish for the well-being and success of the outgoing batch.



By way of cordially welcoming the Chief Guest, a potted plant was presented by the Deputy Head Boy –Master Sajad Ahmed Shaikh and Deputy Head Girl – Miss Aagna Bhavin Kothari. A scintillating semi classical dance performance by the nimble footed dancers of ISWK added flavour to the ceremonious occasion.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Padmanabhan Ananthan's address to the students was both inspiring and practical, offering valuable advice as they step out of their comfort zones. His encouragement to treat every challenge as a learning opportunity and face challenges head on and take care of themselves physically, mentally, and emotionally acknowledged the transformative nature of this phase in their lives. Highlighting the fact that college is not just a place to obtain a degree but an opportunity to gain knowledge aligns with the broader purpose of education. The advice to accumulate as much knowledge as possible and to follow dreams and passion, reflected a holistic approach to personal and academic growth. He ingrained the importance of three qualities like hard work, empathy and honesty which will shape

a student as an individual. Mr. Ananthan concluded his speech with advice to make use of time wisely and develop a hobby.

As a token of love and gratitude, the Chief Guest was presented with a memento by Mr. Sachin Toprani, honorary President of the school management committee.



Mr. Alkesh Joshi, the Assistant Executive Director of ISWK and ISWK International School Management Committees, addressed the outgoing batch with a heartfelt message. He wished them good luck for their upcoming board exams and encouraged them to face the new world with honesty and truthfulness. It's commendable that he reverently remembered Late Sheikh Shri Kanaksi Khimji on his birth anniversary, emphasizing the lasting impact that individuals can have on the lives of others. Additionally, the commitment to continue the Kanaksi Khimji Merit Scholarship, initiated by the school management committee of ISWK, underscored the importance of recognizing and rewarding students for excellence in academics, sports, and co-curricular activities.

Mr. Sachin Toprani's speech, as the honorary President of the school management committee, was both motivational and guiding. He advised the students to keep their parents' and their own name high. Mr. Toprani encouraged the students to make their institution and country proud. His advice to stand out from the rest and aspire to be leaders in various organizations set a high standard for the students, motivating them to aim for excellence. Highlighting the values of honesty, integrity, hard work, and perseverance, Mr. Sachin Toprani emphasized the enduring qualities that can shape a successful and principled future. The assurance that possessing these qualities will make students stand out in the future provides a positive and encouraging perspective.



Speaking on the occasion, ISWK Principal Mr. D N Rao, on behalf of the entire school community, extended his best wishes to the outgoing students for their exams. The phrase "it is not a departure but a see you later" conveyed a sense of continuity and connection, encouraging students to cherish their memories and stay connected even as they move forward in their lives.

The act of seeking blessings from parents is a meaningful tradition at ISWK that acknowledges the significant role parents play in the lives of their children. In the next segment of the programme, students of class 12 came up to the stage to be blessed by their parents. It added a deeply emotional and personal touch to the farewell ceremony. It was a moment filled with heartfelt emotions as parents expressed their pride, love, and best wishes for their children who are embarking on a new chapter in their lives.

In her valedictory address, Ms. Sienna Shibu, the Head Girl reminisced her days at the school from Kindergarten and expressed gratitude to all the teachers and parents in bringing out the best in her. Head Boy, Master Vardhan Dhat reverently addressed the teachers who mentored him from the time he stepped into his first grade in this school. He



thanked

them for imparting holistic knowledge to him and making his schooling years so memorable. Both of them expressed their gratitude to their mentors, teachers, parents and friends for their invaluable contribution in making their journey at school a memorable one.



The school choir sang a sentimental song, 'You Raise Me Up' which was a touching and befitting choice for bidding farewell to the graduating seniors. This musical tribute carried emotional resonance, expressing gratitude to parents and teachers for their guidance and support throughout the students' academic journey. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks and a rendition of the National Anthem of India.



ISWK Hosts Prestigious Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony and Short Film Competition

On May 30, 2024, Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir (ISWK) held its prestigious Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony to honour meritorious students for the academic year 2023-24. The event featured the Late Shri Mathradas Khimji Memorial Awards, Shri Kanaksi Khimji Scholarships, and Academic Excellence Awards. The school was honoured to witness the presence of Shri Ajay Mathradas Khimji – Founder of Mosaic LLC. & amp; Senior Director of Khimji Ramdas Group,



and Shri Nailesh Khimji – Director of Khimji Ramdas Group as the chief guests for the evening's programme.

Other esteemed dignitaries present on the occasion were Shri Anil Khimji, Shri Rajendra Ved, members of the Education Cell, other distinguished members of the school management committees of ISWK and ISWK International, parents, students and well-wishers. The ceremony began with lighting of the auspicious lamp and a rendition of the prayer song, followed by the presentation of awards to outstanding students of classes VI-XII.

The late Shri Mathradas Khimji Memorial Awards were presented by Shri Ajay Khimji to the meritorious students of classes VI-XII who have excelled in academics in 2023-2024. The Kanaksi



Khimji Scholarships were presented to students for their stupendous performance in academics, sports, and co-scholastic activities, marking a pioneering initiative in the Indian schools in Oman.

To recognize the commitment and hard work of the students, the CBSE toppers of classes X and XII were felicitated. Section-wise toppers and subject toppers were also honoured with Academic Excellence Awards.

The inter-house short film competition showcased the creative talents of students, with Vivekananda House winning the award for the best short film for 'Sum of Second Chances.' Awards were also given for best director, actor, supporting actor, editor, and scriptwriter. Principal Mr. D N Rao congratulated the winners and encouraged further participation in such events. The programme concluded with the proud awardees clicking photographs with the distinguished guests, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees and highlighting ISWK's commitment to recognizing academic excellence.



Wadi Waves

Events and News at a glance



2024-25

★ INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR ★

Head Boy's Message

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." – Abraham Lincoln.

Reflecting on my journey from a mischievous toddler running around kindergarten to standing here as the Head Boy of ISWK, I am grateful for everything and how far I've come. My time at ISWK wasn't just about the years spent in classrooms. It was about the moments—the friendships and the experiences that shaped me.



For future batches of ISWK, remember that this school is not just a school. It is a foundation for your growth. Challenge yourselves, explore your passions, and be kind to those around you. The friends you make, the lessons you learn, and the challenges you overcome will stay with you long after you leave.

Use this time in school to discover your strengths, fail and rise again, be as tall as a tree, but always remember where your roots are, and create memories that will shape the rest of your life. Embrace each moment, for these moments, will define your journey.

A diamond only shines brightest under the correct lighting. As someone who's studied here for 12 years, I can say that ISWK is that lighting. It has made me who I am today.

To my teachers, thank you for your guidance and unwavering support. To my friends, thank you for every laugh and every memory.

As I leave ISWK, I walk out with a house full of memories and a strong legacy, and I encourage all of you to create your own. Keep building your legacy and strive to leave a positive mark on this school and beyond. Your words and knowledge can change the world. Have faith in yourself and stick to your values.

Thank you, ISWK, for everything. To the coming batches, make the most of every opportunity. You will always have a home here.

And I follow Sheriff Woody's saying, "You will always have a friend in me."

SAJAD
Head Boy

Head Girl's Message

Every opportunity this school offers is a chance for us to grow in ways we never thought would be possible, and Wadi Waves stands as a beautiful testament to that growth. This magazine isn't just a compilation of words and images—it's a reflection of our shared journey. It showcases the spirit of our mutual support, our curiosity to learn beyond textbooks, and our determination to push past boundaries. These qualities are the heart of every success we've celebrated together.



This school has given me more than I ever imagined, and as I reflect on the experiences we've all shared, I am filled with gratitude. To each of you, I urge you to make the most of every opportunity that comes your way. Strive to grow into a version of yourself that your younger self would look up to, because that is the true definition of success - a success that the world will one day call your story.

As you step into the future, I wish you all the very best in whatever it holds for you. Trust in your potential, follow your dreams, and remember that everything you dream of achieving is within your reach.

With deep gratitude and love,

HARSHINI
Head Girl



**ISWK UNSTOPPABLE AGAIN: ACHIEVES REMARKABLE
SUCCESS IN CBSE EXAMINATIONS 2024-25**

Congratulations!

PROUD ACHIEVERS

TOPPERS IN CLASS X BOARD EXAM (SSE 2024-2025)



SHASHWAT S. - 98.8%

**MATHEMATICS-100%
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-100 %**



TANMAYA Y. - 98.4%

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE- 100 %



SVANIK M. - 98.2%

**FRENCH-100%
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE- 100 %**



**ISWK UNSTOPPABLE AGAIN: ACHIEVES REMARKABLE
SUCCESS IN CBSE EXAMINATIONS 2024-25**

Congratulations!

**PROUD AND PHENOMENAL ISWK TOPPERS
IN CLASS XII CBSE EXAM (SSCE 2024-2025)**



SAKINA J - 98.4%



AMAN I. - 97.4%



TARNJOT K. - 97.2%



PURVA D. - 97.2%





**ISWK UNSTOPPABLE AGAIN: ACHIEVES REMARKABLE
SUCCESS IN CBSE EXAMINATIONS 2024-25**

Congratulations!

SCIENCE STREAM

TOPPERS IN CLASS XII BOARD EXAM SSCE 2024-2025



AMAN I. - 97.4%

CHEMISTRY - 100%



NINAND J. - 96.8%



ANGATH V. - 96.6%

CHEMISTRY - 100%





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SUCCESS IN CBSE EXAMINATIONS 2024-25**

Congratulations!
COMMERCE STREAM

TOPPERS IN CLASS XII BOARD EXAM (SSCE 2024-2025)



TARNJOT K. - 97.2%

ACCOUNTANCY - 100%



PURVA D. - 97.2%



SIRI V. - 96.6%



MIIT S. - 96.4%



MALAVIKA S. - 96.4%



PRAYAG K. - 96.4%



**ISWK UNSTOPPABLE AGAIN: ACHIEVES REMARKABLE
SUCCESS IN CBSE EXAMINATIONS 2024-25**

Congratulations!

HUMANITIES STREAM

TOPPERS IN CLASS XII BOARD EXAM (SSCE 2024-2025)



SAKINA J - 98.4%

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP-100%
PSYCHOLOGY - 100 %**



RIDHA F - 87.2%



ANISH J - 84.2%



Activities from the Dept. of Social Science - Ambedkar Jayanthi Celebrations - April-2024



WKMUN-2024

Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir Hosts the 10th Edition of Wadi Kabir Model United Nations.

‘From Argument to Consensus’:

Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir hosted the 10th edition of its prestigious Wadi Kabir Model United Nations on 4th and 5th October, 2024 in the Senior School multipurpose hall. The programme consisted of 45 delegates from 7 different Indian schools spread across Oman. The event was graced by the presence of Colonel (Dr.) Narayan Ramachandran who served as a Senior Consultant for Orthopedics & Trauma in the Armed Forces Hospital, Oman for 32 years. The guest of Honor for the inaugural session was Mr. Pardeep Kumar, First Secretary (Education) and Head of Chancery, Embassy of India, Muscat. Other distinguished dignitaries to grace the occasion were Mr. Rajendra Ved, Executive Director of the School Management Committees of ISWK CBSE and ISWK Cambridge, esteemed members of the Indian Embassy and other members of the School Management Committee. The Chief Guest spoke about the recent technological advancements in education and the importance of continuing this progress. WKMUN 2024 is an annual event organized by the Department of Social Science of Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir, to engage students in authentic simulations of the United Nations and develop a wide range of skills in its participants, including the development of a global outlook and vision on different issues, fostering social responsibility, tolerance, research, confidence, and self-esteem.



The proceedings began with the sound of the gavel, marking the start of a vital discussion on integrating technology in education amidst today's global challenges. Each delegate, bringing their nation's unique viewpoint, passionately engaged in dialogue, exploring both the challenges and prospects for cross-border collaboration. The Committee simulated the discussions of the United Nations General Assembly and deliberated on the importance of technological advancements in education. The Committee produced a wide range of ideas and solutions, with each delegate proving their mettle in the skills of debate and consensus-building.

The Draft Resolution was successfully passed with full consensus. The Valedictory Ceremony began with the arrival of the Chief Guest Mrs. Meena Hiten Gandhi, who is an esteemed member of the academic sub-committee of the School Management Committee of Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir. While addressing the gathering, Mrs. Gandhi spoke in great depth about the opportunities awaiting each and every student in the new world, ranging from the UN to the various governments, where their skills of negotiation would be of great importance. She also emphasized in great detail the vast volume of opportunities and information available to students in today's



world, and encouraged all participants to take part in various events including Model UN conferences in the future to hone their skills and talent.

Finally, the moment every delegate had been waiting for arrived - the announcement of the results. The Best Researcher award was presented to the delegate Miss Elaine Teresa who represented the country, Cote d' Ivoire. The Outstanding Diplomacy award was presented to Miss. Chaitanya Santosh, delegate from Ethiopia. The diplomacy awards were

bagged by 3 delegates - Miss Maria Yusuf who represented Turkey, Master Arsh Javed (representing Brazil) and Vihan Dutia (representing Argentina). The Chief Guest then concluded the two-day event of debate, negotiation and engagement by adjourning the conference.



ACTIVITIES FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL- WESTERN MUSIC



SPORTS DAY-BRASS BAND BOTB 11th Edition -23 bands performing during the Children's day Charity Fete

ISTF DRUM SOLO-26 PARTICIPANTS



VMA PARTICIPANTS

HINDUSTANI MUSIC -



ISTF WINNERS



VOCAL SOLO COMPETITION WINNERS

ART DEPT. ACTIVITIES 2024 – 2025

ISWK ART COMPETITION 2024 – RESULTS AND HOUSE POSITION



ISWK ART COMPETITION 2024 – RESULTS AND HOUSE POSITION

JUNIORS – CLASSES 6, 7, 8		
FIRST	VIVEKANANDA HOUSE	38
SECOND	ASHOKA HOUSE	28
THIRD	TAGORE HOUSE	12
THIRD	AKBAR HOUSE	12
SENIORS – CLASSES 9 TO 12		
FIRST	TAGORE HOUSE	52
SECOND	VIVEKANANDA HOUSE	32
THIRD	ASHOKA HOUSE	16
FOURTH	AKBAR HOUSE	8

ISWK Shines at STEM and IS QUIZ Competitions

ISWK students showcased exceptional talent and enthusiasm at two major inter-school quiz events held in December 2024.

At the STEM Quiz organized by *ISWK Cambridge* on 16th December 2024 at *Majan Heights*, Eshan Samir (Class VI), Raghav K. Sathiyaraj (Class VII), and K. S. Aadi Srikeshav (Class VII) represented ISWK and secured the Second Prize, displaying sharp analytical and problem-solving skills.

In the Fifth Edition of IS QUIZ 2024, hosted by *Indian School Bousher*, ISWK students excelled across multiple categories. Shyam Nair and Miit Sangthani were the First Runners-up in the Secondary Category, while Eshan Samir and Aadi Sri Keshav emerged as Second Runners-up in the Middle School Category.

Adding to the accolades, several ISWK students, including Nalini Vilvpathi, Elaine Teresa



Suneesh, Arjun Kishore,

Aryan Jangir, and Kaushik Shylesh Pillai, were declared champions of the Daily Brain Booster Quiz. Younger participants also made their mark, with Prana Prasanth (Class II) winning in the Foundation Stage and Arihant Singh (Class V) topping the Preparatory Stage.

These remarkable achievements highlight ISWK's commitment to fostering curiosity, teamwork, and academic excellence.



Fostering Growth and Inclusion: A Year of Impactful Initiatives

By the A.B.L.E Department - Counseling and Special Needs

The Counseling and Special Needs Department continues to pave the way for a brighter, more inclusive future. From empowering students to fostering mental well-being and championing diversity, the department's initiatives are building a nurturing and empathetic school community. Through a variety of innovative programs and initiatives, the department has demonstrated its commitment to holistic development, mental well-being, and inclusive education.

Key Highlights during the Year

1. Career Fairs and University Visits

To help students plan their futures, the department organized career fairs and welcomed representatives from top universities. These events offered students valuable insights into different career paths, higher education opportunities, and essential skills for success in a rapidly evolving world.

2. Leadership and Personal Growth Workshops

Empowering students to lead confidently, the department conducted leadership workshops focused on essential skills like teamwork, decision-making, and communication. These sessions inspired students to take initiative and shine in both academic and extracurricular pursuits.

3. Safe and Unsafe Touch Sessions (Kindergarten)

Promoting personal safety and awareness, these age-appropriate interactive sessions helped the kindergarten students understand boundaries, build confidence, and know when and how to seek help. Such sessions help students to understand personal safety.

4. **Autism Awareness. Anti-bullying and Mental Health Week**

The department celebrated Autism Awareness Month by organizing activities that promote understanding, acceptance, and inclusion. Similarly, Anti-bullying day and Mental Health Week featured mindfulness exercises and engaging in conversations, creating a safe space and removing the stigma attached to mental well-being.

The ABE Integration Center: Championing Inclusivity

This year also marked a groundbreaking achievement with the establishment of the **ABLE Integration Center**, a dedicated space for integrating students with special needs, particularly those with mild to moderate challenges, who otherwise cannot be accommodated immediately in a normal classroom. The center will offer personalized one-on-one behavioral sessions with a clinical psychologist and a speech therapist, providing tailored support which will help the students excel academically and socially.

Introducing the Exclusive ABE Software

Taking innovation to the next level, the Counseling and Special Needs Department launched exclusive software designed specifically for the ABE Center by TCI Solutions. This platform streamlines communication, progress tracking, and session planning, enabling the team to deliver personalized care while keeping detailed records of every student's journey. The software has significantly enhanced the efficiency and impact of the department's work.





FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HINDI

ISTF- 2024 'Poetry Recitation Competition'

The Hindi department of ISWK organized the 'Poetry Recitation Competition' on 29/10/24 as a part of ISTF- 2024. 27 participants from 21 Indian schools participated in the secondary category.

Hooriya Arif (8B) and Akshaini Shishir (7G) from ISWK participated in this competition and achieved A+ grade for their commendable performance.



Nukkad Natak 2024 - CBSE

As a part of the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat, Shashakt Bharat', the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) invited entries from all CBSE-recognized schools globally for various competitions. Ten students of ISWK from classes VIII, IX & XI participated in 'Nukkad Natak' (Street Play) competition. A video entry for this competition was submitted on 29/08/24.



Inter-house Poetry Recitation Competition 2024

The Inter-house Poetry Recitation Competition was held in the school on 14/05/24. All four houses of the school participated in the competition for the secondary category. Each house presented two students from classes VI, VII & VIII. The students recited poems written by various poets. There were a total of 24 participants and each house was awarded first, second, and third prizes in their respective categories. The panel of judges, Mr. Kailash Patro, Mrs. Sangeeta Sharma, and Mrs. Jaspreet Kaur, highly praised the competition.

Results:

- **First Place:** Bhoomika Shetty (6D), Yashasvi Maheshwari (7C), and Aida Sheikh (8C)
- **Second Place:** Mokshita Budaraju (6E), Samanvi Nalwadi (7C), and Rudra M. Khatu (8B)
- **Third Place:** Chahat Kamani (6D), Shreya Sharma (7C), and Ayush Shetty (8C)

The competition was a great success, showcasing the talents and efforts of the students.



Inter-House Hindi Debate Competition

To enhance reading skills, to boost students' confidence and to promote interest in our mother tongue, Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir organized an Inter-house Debate Competition. Students from classes 9 to 12 participated in this competition with enthusiasm, presenting their thoughts on the given topics.

The participants were evaluated on their clarity, relevance, logic, reasoning, pronunciation, gestures, and voice modulation. The panel of judges, Ms. Usha Rai, Mrs. Draupadi, and Mr. Kailash Patro, appreciated the efforts of all participants. The winners were awarded by the school's Vice Principal, Mr. Jayaprakash, and the Hindi Department Supervisor, Mr. Anil Bartare. They encouraged students to actively participate in competitions alongside their studies.

The names of the best-performing students in the competition are as follows:

Results of grade 9 and 10			
Sr. No	Name	Class & Section	Position
1	SHASHWAT SINGH	10 E	FIRST (For)
2	MARYAM SIDIQI	10 B	SECOND (For)
3	AMIR TARIQ	10 D	FIRST (Against)
4	NETRA KUMARI	10 E	SECOND (Against)
5	IZMA AYAZ	9 A	SECOND (Against)
6	AMIR TARIQ	10 D	BEST REBUTTAL
Results of grade 11 and 12			

Sr. No	Name	Class & Section	Position
1	DENA RAZA	11 D	FIRST (For)
2	BHAVYA PRASAD	11 C	FIRST (For)
3	REYHA SINGH	12 C	SECOND (For)
4	TRANJOT KAUR	12 E	FIRST (Against)
5	AANYA MISHRA	12 B	SECOND (Against)
6	TRANJOT KAUR	12 E	BEST REBUTTAL



CBSE – Reading Challenge

The CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education) organizes the Reading Challenge every year to instill a love for reading among students and to aid their academic and personal development. This year, the competition was held in August and September, with students from classes 6 to 10 participating.

In the first stage, around 130 students participated, and five students-



HIBA AYAT (6E), AKSHAINI (7G), HARSH (8C), KAIVALYA (9C), MARYAM SIDDIQUI (10B) were selected for the second stage.

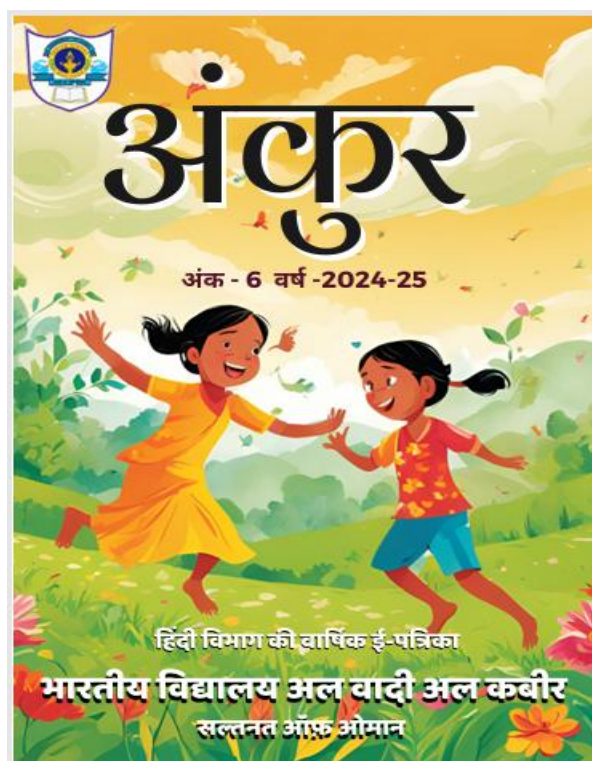
CBSE – Project Veer Gatha

In collaboration with the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Defence launched Project Veer Gatha 4.0 for the academic year 2024-25. As a part of this initiative, several virtual programs were organized for schools across the country. An essay writing competition was conducted for students of classes 9 and 10, with the topic "Rani Laxmibai Came in My Dream."

A total of forty students participated, and the essay written by MOHAMMED ARHAM (9B) was selected as the best. This essay was uploaded on MyGovPortal as per the guidelines.

Hindi E- Magazine “Ankur”

On 14th November 2024, Children's Day, the principal inaugurated the Hindi e-magazine "Ankur." This annual magazine, produced by the Hindi Department, features a collection of articles by students, showcasing their creativity in the Hindi language. Edited by Hindi Teacher Ms. Neelam, with student editors Amir Tariq, Safi Uddin Zaid, and Suhaib Suhail, the magazine highlights the efforts and talents of the students. The inauguration ceremony celebrated the importance of the Hindi language and encouraged students to continue their literary endeavors. ‘ANKUR’ stands as a testament to the students' achievements and the department's commitment to promoting linguistic heritage



36th FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION AT ISWK – A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

The 36th Founders' Day of the Middle and Secondary Stages of Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir was celebrated on Wednesday, the 11th of December 2024 at Majan Heights. The theme for this year's Founders' Day was 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' - One World, One Family. ISWK was honoured to have the presence of His Excellency Shri Amit Narang, Ambassador of India to the Sultanate of Oman as the Chief Guest.

Dignitaries present on the momentous occasion were Sheikh Shri Anil Khimji, chief patron, Mr. Kiran Asher, Founder and Group Managing Director of Al Ansari Group of Companies, Mr. Pardeep Kumar, First Secretary (Education & Head of Chancery), Indian Embassy, Mr. Rajendra Ved, Executive Director of the School Management Committees of ISWK and ISWK Cambridge, Mr. Harshendu Shah, Managing Partner of HC Chartered Accountants and former President of the School Management Committee, Mr. Alkesh Joshi, Assistant Executive Director, Mr. Sachin Toprani, honorary President of the School Management Committee of ISWK, distinguished members of the Embassy, members of the Education Cell, esteemed members of the School Management Committees of ISWK and ISWK Cambridge along with staff, parents and students.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonious lamp followed by a rendition of the national anthems of Oman and India. The Hindustani Choir of the senior school enthralled the audience with their mellifluous performance. To invoke the blessings of the Almighty, the graceful dancers presented the inaugural dance which left the audience spellbound.

The Chief Guest, Shri Amit Narang, in his address, expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the warmth and affection shown by the students and the entire school community. He began his speech by acknowledging the remarkable growth of ISWK, from its humble beginnings as a small Gujarati medium school to its current status as the second-largest Indian school in the Sultanate of Oman. He emphasized that a school is not just a physical structure made of bricks and mortar, but a temple of learning where children are nurtured and equipped to face future challenges and contribute positively to society.

Throughout his address, Shri Narang stressed the importance of instilling moral and humanitarian values in the students. He shared a thought-provoking childhood anecdote that deeply resonated with the audience. He recalled how he had once received an autograph from the renowned Hindi poet Balkavi Bairagi, which contained a meaningful message: ***"It is good to be a great person, but it is truly great to be a good person."*** This wisdom, he said, should be the guiding mantra in everyone's life. He also urged the audience, especially the students, to uphold values such as punctuality, kindness, respect for elders, and above all, the importance of being good-hearted and kind to others. His words left a lasting impression on all present, reinforcing the significance of character alongside academic achievement.





After concluding his address, His Excellency presented a plaque to the school Principal with the words of Balkavi Bairagi inscribed in Hindi. Sheikh Shri Anil Khimji presented a memento to H.E. Amit Narang for gracing the occasion and motivating the student community.

In the next segment, Mr. D N Rao, Principal of ISWK, presented the annual report, where he highlighted the school's impressive curricular and co-curricular activities. He emphasized the unparalleled achievements of ISWK in various fields, underscoring the school's commitment to academic excellence, extra-curricular participation, and overall development of its students.

Following this, Vice Principal Mr. Jayaprakash Pillai presented a report, showcasing a wide array of the school's activities. The engaging presentation provided a comprehensive overview of ISWK's accomplishments, key events, and significant milestones achieved in the academic year

2024-2025. It offered a visual narrative of the school's growth and the continued success of its students, further enhancing the celebration of the school's legacy.

In the next segment of the event, the significant achievements of students in curricular and co-curricular domains were highlighted. His Excellency Shri Amit Narang gave away the academic awards to the Gulf topper in Commerce Stream (Gunjan Karwani who scored 98.6% in the CBSE examination), and the third topper in Oman in the Science stream (Ojas Pandey who scored 97.8% in the board examination), as well as the special achievement awards to those students who brought laurels and upheld the name of the alma matter. H.E. Shri Amit Narang felicitated the Vice Principal, Mr. Jayaprakash Pillai for being the only teacher in Oman selected by CBSE to attend the prestigious 'Training of Teachers' (ToT) in 2024.



29th Annual Athletic Meet and Drill Display

Indian School Wadi Al Kabir (ISWK) hosted its 29th Annual Athletic Meet and Drill Display for the Middle and Secondary stages on 19th November 2024 on the Primary School ground. The event was a magnificent celebration of sportsmanship, teamwork, and discipline, reflecting the school's dedication to nurturing well-rounded individuals.

The Athletic Meet began with the arrival of the Chief Guest, Ms. Saada Al Ismaili, Vice Chairman of Oman's Women's Sports Committee, who was accorded a warm ceremonial Guard of Honour by the school students. The honorable Chief Guest was accompanied by her family members.

Distinguished guests, including Mr. Alkesh Joshi, Assistant Executive Director of the School Management Committees of ISWK CBSE and ISWK Cambridge, Mr. Sachin Toprani, honorary President of the School Management Committee of ISWK and other esteemed members of the

The School Management Committee graced the occasion. Also present were the school principal, vice principals, distinguished invitees, parents, teachers and students. The fun-filled event commenced with



the impressive torch run followed by the inauguration of the Sports Meet by the honourable Chief Guest. The welcome address was delivered by the Head Girl of Senior School, Miss. Harshini Tiruvotriyur after which the Head Girl, Master Sajad Ahmed administered the oath. The curtain raiser, a graceful and synchronized yoga ensemble was performed by the students. This beautiful presentation showcased the harmony of body and mind, setting the tone for an inspiring day.

Following the yoga performance were the spectacular drill displays, presented by the students of Classes 6, 7, and 8 respectively, each group bringing creativity, coordination, and rhythm to the field. Their vibrant formations and energetic routines captivated the audience, highlighting teamwork and precision. Athletes from all four houses, Akbar, Ashoka, Tagore and Vivekananda, competed fiercely in various track events, including sprints and relays, demonstrating remarkable determination and skill. The thundering cheers from the audience motivated the participants to give their best.



The results were announced during the Closing Ceremony, adding to the excitement of the day. The prestigious Marching Trophy was awarded to Ashoka House, whose impeccable coordination and discipline in the March Past earned them well-deserved recognition. Additionally, the overall

Champions Trophy for 2024-25 was also secured by Ashoka House, celebrating their exceptional performance throughout the meet. Ms. Nishtha Karvat, Senior Sports Coordinator, proposed the vote of

thanks. On the occasion of Oman's National Day, the school extended its gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik for his visionary leadership and conveyed heartfelt wishes for Oman's continued progress and prosperity, aligning the event with the aspirations of Oman Vision 2040.

The 29th Annual Athletic Meet concluded on a high note with the spirit of sportsmanship and unity resonating across the field, leaving everyone inspired and proud.



ISTF 2024 at ISWK

Celebrating Unity, Talent, and Cultural Pride Across Oman

The Indian School Talent Fest (ISTF) 2024, hosted by the Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir (ISWK) under the aegis of the Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman, concluded triumphantly, showcasing the artistic and intellectual prowess of students from 22 Indian schools across Oman. This prestigious event unfolded across multiple venues—including the Primary School, Senior School, Cambridge School, and Majan Heights—creating an inclusive platform for participants from the Foundation, Preparatory, Middle and Secondary Stages. In total, 39 competitive and 2 non-competitive events were organized, celebrating a rich tapestry of talent. The ISTF 2024 commenced on October 28 at the Multipurpose Hall of ISWK Senior School, highlighting the theme Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam — One World, One Family. The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Kabaly P. Subramanian, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Business Studies at Arab Open University, Oman, alongside Guest of Honour Mr. Pardeep Kumar, First Secretary of Education & Head of Chancery at the Embassy of India in Muscat and Mr. Syed Salman, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Indian schools in Oman. Esteemed attendees included members of the Board of Directors, Indian schools in Oman, members of the Indian Embassy, members of the Ministry of Education, Sheikh Shri Anil Khimji, Mr. Rajendra Ved, principals from various schools, school management representatives from other Indian schools, parents and students.



The Indian Schools Talent Festival (ISTF) 2024 began with a warm welcome by Mr. Sachin Toprani, Honorary President of the ISWK School Management Committee, followed by an inspiring address by Mr. Syed Salman, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Indian Schools in Oman. The Chief Guest, Dr. Kabaly P. Subramanian, inaugurated the festival by lighting the ceremonial lamp and declaring the event open. His address, along with the performance *One World, One Family*, beautifully reflected the festival's theme of unity in diversity. The proceedings included a vibrant school parade, oath-taking, and flag hoisting ceremonies.

The two-day festival featured 39 competitive events and several non-competitive showcases, offering students a platform to display their artistic, linguistic, and analytical skills. From debates, dance, and music to visual arts and creative writing, performances such as *Just Beat It*, *Raga Ecstasy*, and *Street Play* embodied teamwork and creativity. Events like *Hindi Kavita Vaachan*, *Sketch Symphony*, and *Tapestry of Paper Art* highlighted the students' expressive flair and imagination.

The valedictory ceremony, held on October 29 at Majan Heights, was graced by Mr. Mohamed Issa Al Zadjali, Chairman of Muscat Media Group, and Dr. Sivakumar Manickam, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman. The ceremony included a digital highlight reel, keynote addresses, and the presentation of trophies and mementos to participating schools, coordinators, and sponsors.

The event, broadcast live for families and well-wishers, concluded on a high note—celebrating talent, collaboration, and the spirit of global harmony that define ISTF.

The overall champion of ISTF 2024 was Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir, and the runner-up was Indian School Muscat.



Aligning with the NEP's structured stages, stage-wise distinctions were conferred to recognize excellence at each educational level for the very first time at ISTF 2024:



Foundation Stage Winner - Indian School Ghubra and Runner-Up - Indian School Bousher;
Preparatory Stage Winner - Indian School Salalah and Runner-Up - Indian School Muladha;
Middle Stage Winner – Indian School Darsait and Runner-Up - Indian School Seeb; and
Secondary Stage Winner – Indian School Maabela and Runner-Up - Indian School Sohar.

The commitment and contribution of all participating institutions, alongside the host school ISWK, led by Principal Mr. D.N. Rao, were duly acknowledged with these esteemed honours.

The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, followed by the Royal Anthem of Oman and the National Anthem of India, marking the successful conclusion of ISTF 2024—a magnificent celebration of talent, cultural pride, and community unity, perfectly encapsulated by the theme Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

The winners and participants of ISTF-.

EVENT: SPEAK UP (SOLO) - MIDDLE STAGE

WINNERS:

1. AYANA KAPUR - VI G (A+)
2. ANN - VII H (A+)



EVENT: STREET PLAY- OPEN CATEGORY

WINNERS: A+

1. ANN GRACE- VI G
2. RUJUL BOKARE- IX C
3. SUHA RIYAS -XII F
4. MIHIKA NAIR- X C
5. PALAK KHAN- IX C
6. ISHAAN MAHADEVAN- XI B
7. ARSH JAVED -XI A
8. ARCHIT YADAV -XI A
9. RISHIK VASHISHT- XI A
10. VEERA SAI RAM VAISHWIK YALAMARTHI- XI C



Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony and Short Film Competition

On May 30, 2024, Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir (ISWK) held its prestigious Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony to honour meritorious students for the academic year 2023-24. The

event featured the Late Shri Mathradas Khimji Memorial Awards, Shri Kanaksi Khimji Scholarships, and Academic Excellence Awards. The school was honoured to witness the presence of Shri Ajay Mathradas Khimji – Founder of Mosaic LLC. & Senior Director of Khimji Ramdas Group, and Shri Nailesh Khimji – Director of Khimji Ramdas Group as the chief guests for the evening’s programme. Other esteemed dignitaries present on the occasion were Shri Anil Khimji, Shri Rajendra Ved, members of the Education Cell, other distinguished members of the school management committees of ISWK and ISWK International, parents, students and well-wishers.

The ceremony began with lighting of the auspicious lamp and a rendition of the prayer song, followed by the presentation of awards to outstanding students of classes VI-XII. The late Shri Mathradas Khimji Memorial Awards were presented by Shri Ajay Khimji to the meritorious students of classes VI-XII who have excelled in academics in 2023-24. The Kanaksi Khimji Scholarships were presented to students for their stupendous performance in academics, sports, and co-scholastic activities, marking a pioneering initiative in the Indian schools in Oman.

To recognize the commitment and hard work of the students, the CBSE toppers of classes X and XII were felicitated. Section-wise toppers and subject toppers were also honoured with Academic Excellence Awards. The inter-house short film competition showcased the creative talents of students, with Vivekananda House winning the award for the best short film for ‘Sum of Second Chances.’ Awards were also given for best director, actor, supporting actor, editor, and scriptwriter. Principal Mr. D N Rao congratulated the winners and encouraged further participation in such events. The programme concluded with the proud awardees clicking photographs with the distinguished guests, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees and highlighting ISWK’s commitment to recognizing academic excellence.

108 Surya Namaskar Marathon to mark The International Day of Yoga

Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir marked the 10th International Yoga Day with a marathon of 108 Surya Namaskars, drawing over 500 participants including students, teachers and parents.

This annual event, held at their primary school grounds, highlights a decade-long tradition of promoting yoga and wellness.

The evening began with a welcoming speech by the principal Mr. D.N. Rao, emphasizing the importance of yoga for physical and mental health. Participants were guided by their experienced yoga instructor, moved through the sequence of Surya Namaskars, creating a serene, joyful and focused atmosphere.

One of the participating parents shared, “Joining this marathon with my children and their teachers is a special experience, promoting health and family bonding.” Teachers also expressed joy in seeing the growing interest in yoga among students. The event concluded with a

relaxation and meditation session. This celebration of yoga not only fosters health but also strengthens community bonds, with ISWK looking forward to continuing this tradition for years to come.



Farewell to the Outgoing Class of 2024-25

On 6th February 2025, Indian School Wadi Kabir hosted an emotional and memorable Graduation Ceremony for the outgoing batch of Class XII at Majan Heights auditorium. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Mr. Giridhar S Varadachari, General Manager and Chief Financial Officer of the National Bank of Oman, who presided over the ceremony as the Chief Guest. Other distinguished dignitaries included Sheikh Shri Anil Khimji, Chief Patron; Mr. Rajendra Ved, Executive Director of ISWK and ISWK Cambridge; Mr. Alkesh Joshi, Assistant Executive Director of ISWK and ISWK Cambridge management committees; Mr. Sachin Toprani, Honorary President of the School Management Committee of ISWK; Vice Principals, Assistant Vice Principals, Heads of various departments, Coordinators, teachers, parents of the outgoing batch, and, of course, the graduating Class XII students.

The event commenced with a traditional lighting of the lamp by Mr. Giridhar S Varadachari, along with Sheikh Shri Anil Khimji, Mr. Rajendra Ved, Mr. Alkesh Joshi, Mr. Sachin Toprani, other esteemed members of the School Management Committee, Head Boy and Head Girl of the outgoing batch. The lighting of the lamp symbolized the illumination of knowledge and the transition from school to new horizons.

A beautiful prayer song sung by the teachers added a spiritual and solemn touch to the ceremony, symbolizing the collective blessings for the students' future success. To honour the Chief Guest, a potted plant was presented by Master Isaan Mahadevan, Deputy Head Boy, and Miss Anagha Prasad Nair, Deputy Head Girl. The Western Music choir presented a soulful rendition of "I Have a Dream," further elevating the evening's emotional atmosphere.

In his address, Mr. Sachin Toprani expressed his heartfelt wishes for the outgoing batch. He began by reading out a message from the Principal, Mr. D. N. Rao, who was unable to attend the solemn ceremony due to unforeseen circumstances. In his message, the Principal encouraged the

students to cultivate adaptability, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills—qualities that go beyond academic excellence. He emphasized that success is not just measured by personal achievements but also by the positive impact one makes on the world. Mr. Toprani continued by acknowledging the students' invaluable contributions to the school. He reminded the students that the world outside the school awaits, and they must embrace it with confidence, resilience, and the wisdom gained over the years. He concluded with an inspiring quote from Albert Einstein: "Try not to become a person of success, but rather try to become a person of value."

The Chief Guest, Mr. Giridhar S Varadachari, delivered a riveting speech that resonated deeply with the students. He emphasized the importance of time, adaptability, and change, reminding the students that those who embrace change would thrive in an ever-evolving world. Sharing personal experiences, Mr. Varadachari spoke about the key qualities that lead to success: embracing change, holding on to core values, being kind and compassionate, believing in oneself, and never ceasing to learn. He reassured the students that they are bigger than any challenges they might face and encouraged them to always seek help when needed. He reminded the students that if they waste time, time will waste them. His speech concluded with an introduction to the technique of visualization, helping students envision their dreams and work towards them with determination. As a token of appreciation, a memento was presented to the Chief Guest by Sheikh Shri Anil Khimji in gratitude for his inspiring words and guidance.

In their heartfelt valedictory addresses, Head Girl Ms. Harini and Head Boy Master Sajad Ahmed shared their memorable moments at the school, expressing gratitude to teachers, mentors, and parents, for their unwavering support. They both reflected on their journeys from Kindergarten to Class XII, acknowledging the role of their teachers and peers in shaping their lives and education.

The ceremony reached its pinnacle when Mr. Giridhar S Varadachari, along with the distinguished members of the School Management Committee, presented certificates and mementos to the outgoing students. Special awards were presented to exceptional students: Aman Ikbal (Science), Tarnjot Kaur (Commerce), and Anakha Anoop (Humanities) were named Ideal ISWK Students, while John Abraham Mathew (Science), Meet Vinod Sangtani (Commerce), and Sakina Jariwala (Humanities) were honoured as Achievers of the Year.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, followed by the rendition of the National Anthem of Oman, and the National Anthem of India, marking a fitting end to the evening's proceedings.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT-2024-2025

EVENT /DATE	DETAILS OF THE EVENT
1) ADITYA BIRLA WORLD ACADEMY- 11th Edition Infinity 2024 Date: 9 th to 11 th January 2025	Our students displayed exceptional mathematical talent in the prestigious “Clash of Mathematicians” Individual Round. Bringing honour to the school, Shashwat Singh (10E), Pradyumn Verma (11E), and Angath Vinod Kumar (12A) secured the Silver Medal, while Suhaib Syed (11A) and Gandhar Yogesh (11A) proudly earned the Bronze Medal (Second Runner-up) position. Adding to the school’s achievements, Shreeraj Dolare (9I), Saiansh Singh (10D), and Razy Shihab (12A) were recognised among the Top 30 finalists. Their remarkable performance stands as a testament to their dedication, analytical brilliance, and passion for mathematics.
2)Aryabhata Ganit Challenge Date: November 2024	In pursuit of integrating mathematical principles with practical aspects of life, CBSE introduced the Aryabhata Ganit Challenge during the AY 2019-20, catering to students in classes VIII-X of CBSE affiliated schools. Shashwat Singh (Class X) of ISWK is in the proud Top 100 position holders in Aryabhata Ganit Challenge Final round 2024. Received certificate of Merit from CBSE as ‘Math Promotion school’.
3)Inter-house Mathematics Quiz Date- 01/10/2024 Date- 08/10/2024	Inter-house Mathematics Quiz -Junior and Senior Category were held at ISWK. The Preliminary round was followed by the final round in which selected participants from each house participated with full enthusiasm and zest.
4) MATH OLYMPIAD (SOF)	The world’s biggest Olympiad exams for school students are diagnostic tests aimed at assessing students and assisting them to identify their skilled areas and help them improve through focused efforts. The IMO -LEVEL- 1 and LEVEL- 2 exams were conducted at ISWK.
5) SILVER ZONE International Olympiad	The Silver Zone Foundation International Olympiad lets the students meet both on national and international scales. The Silver zone Foundation Olympiad of Mathematics held at ISWK.
6) ISTF (Rubik’s Cube and Intellectual Puzzles) Oct 2024	Indian School Talent Fest is not just a competition, but it is a celebration of talents, where incredible talents meet to excel. ISWK students participated in the Rubik’s Cube and Intellectual Puzzles Senior and Junior Category Rubik’s cube winner: RAYYAN SHIJAS VI E Mind over Math Winner: MANUS ABRAHAM BAINU VII I
7) Math League -III 14th November 2024	Modern College of Business and Science organized MATH LEAGUE III For secondary school students in Oman. The ISWK team, consisting of Aman Ikbal, Bibek Sanjeev, Arnav Shah and Purva Vimal of class XII won the first prize.

8) International Abacus Olympiad June 2024	International Abacus Olympiad 2024 Gold Medal – Bhadra Karkar – VII C
9) Mental Math World Cup 2024	Mental Math World Cup 2024 Oman Topper – 3 rd Rank – Krishika Mehta VI F



MATH SENIORS



MATHS

JUNIORS



MERIT CERTIFICATE



MATH INFINITY

BHADRA ABACUS Winner

ECO CLUB ACTIVITIES

“Swachhata Pakhwada” is a CBSE-initiated program. The “Swachhata Pakhwada” 2024 at Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir (ISWK) was a significant initiative in promoting cleanliness, hygiene, and environmental responsibility. Led by the **ISWK Eco Club**, the school embraced the CBSE-initiated program with enthusiasm, from KG to Class 12, reflecting Mahatma Gandhi’s vision of a clean and developed India.



As a symbolic beginning, the ISWK Senior School took the Swachhata Shapath (cleanliness oath), led by Mrs. Renjini Vinod Kumar from the ISWK parent community. The pledge emphasized the importance of supporting hygiene and environmental responsibility, encouraging students and staff to actively commit to cleanliness in their daily lives, thus contributing to a cleaner India. Students from Class 6 & 7 participated in a painting activity, creating artwork that emphasized the importance of a green and clean environment.



Swachh Bharat Diwas (SBD), 2024 was observed at Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir on 2nd October as a tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Leading up to this event, the school organized the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS), a CBSE initiative fortnight from 17th September to 2nd October 2024 led by the Eco-Club for the classes from KG to class 12.





As part of our commitment to fostering environmental awareness and contributing to national sustainability efforts, Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir, including the Senior School, Primary, and ISWK Cambridge, participated in the BOD initiative “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” campaign on, Tuesday, 17th September 2024.

The ISWK Eco-Club took the lead in organizing and guiding the event. All the three school levels—Senior School, Primary, and ISWK Cambridge—participated enthusiastically in planting saplings across various areas of the school campus. This hands-on activity allowed students to connect with nature and understand the significance of tree plantation in enhancing biodiversity and reducing carbon footprints.

ISWK always engages our students in similar eco-friendly initiatives to nurture environmentally conscious citizens of the future.

As part of the Swachhata Hi Sewa 2024 Campaign by the Government of India, we are excited to engage our students at the Foundation and Preparatory Stages of our school.

This year’s theme, “Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskar Swachhata,” encourages collective action and contributions toward a cleaner environment.

Eco-club organized a Potted Plant Donation Drive called 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' on 5th October 2024, in primary and on 19th October in Senior School coinciding with the Parent-Teacher Meeting.

We invited parents and students to donate indoor or outdoor potted plants that are perennial and can thrive in Muscat’s climate. These plants will help create a greener, healthier environment within our school. Some examples of suitable plants include:

As part of this initiative, students are encouraged to make beautiful, colourful name tags with their mother’s name and tie them around the pots. This personal touch will not only add beauty but also instill in students a sense of pride and responsibility in nurturing these plants.



Taramandala – Our Treasure Plants-

The **ECO-CLUB** of Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir organized *Taramandala – Our Treasure Plants*, an international environmental education competition and exhibition, on **November 14, 2024**. The event showcased the creative works of students from **KG to Class 11**, who participated in a competition using dried leaves to create unique artwork. This initiative aimed to promote environmental awareness and encourage students to explore sustainability through creativity.



On January 26th, Republic Day, the results for the “Our Treasure Plants” initiative were announced, and Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir (ISWK) achieved outstanding success. Certificates and medals were awarded to all the winners, recognizing their participation and dedication to environmental awareness.

10 students from Classes I to XI secured International Rankings, achieving top positions ranging from 1st to 4th place. Another 10 students from KG I to Class VIII secured National Rankings, achieving positions from 1st to 5th place.

This remarkable accomplishment highlights the school’s commitment to environmental education and sustainability.

ISWK Honoured with Best Performance School Award

In a historic achievement, ISWK was recognized as the Best Performance School at the International Level, competing against more than 2,500 schools from India and across the world. This prestigious honour reflects the school’s excellence in environmental education and its leadership in sustainability initiatives.

Individual Recognitions at the International Level

Ms. Batul Saiffee and Ms. Anita Joseph Aguiar were awarded the Co-Organizer Award with a Certificate at the International Level of the Environment Education Programme for their dedication and contribution to the school’s environmental initiatives.

Ms. Reena Prasanth, the Eco Club Coordinator, was honoured with the Best Teacher Organizer Award with a Medal and Certificate at the International Level for her exceptional efforts in promoting environmental awareness among students.

The awards and recognitions earned by ISWK demonstrate the school’s continuous efforts in fostering environmental consciousness and academic excellence. These achievements further

solidify ISWK's position as a leader in sustainability education, inspiring students to take an active role in protecting the environment.



Gavel Clubs activities -

The Gavel Clubs at ISWK were established in 2014, chartering two clubs in the first year. Over the years, these clubs have grown and flourished. As of 2020, we have six Gavel Clubs with 160 students training and benefiting from Toastmasters International's systematic programs. The aim of the Gavel Club is to develop better communicators and leaders through public speaking and leadership programs. These clubs have been facilitated by a team of ISWK Toastmasters since 2016.

Teachers from the English Department, along with a few teachers from other departments, continuously train students to enhance their public speaking skills. Each year, the best speakers from each club are selected to represent our school in the Oman Gavel Championship of Public Speaking.

The Oman Gavel Championship of Public Speaking 2025 showcased exceptional oratory talent from young speakers across the Sultanate. The event, held at Indian School Bousher, featured participants from various Gavel Clubs competing in multiple categories. Notably, the championship included segments such as Humorous Speech, Evaluation Speech, Table Topics Speech, and International Speech.

The Oman Gavel Championship of Public Speaking 2025, organized by Oman Gavel Clubs (OGC), took place on February 1, 2025. This annual event provides a platform for young speakers aged 12 to 18 to showcase their public speaking talents. The competition progresses from club-level contests to group-level events, culminating at the Sultanate level.

In the lead-up to the championship, various preparatory events were organized to enhance participants' skills. The semi-final was held on January 31, 2025, featuring young speakers competing to represent their clubs. There were 260 semi-finalists from 33 clubs across the Sultanate, out of which only 32 students moved to the final round. Our student, Gavelier Dhruv Rishikesh, won first place in the Evaluation category.

The event continues to uphold its tradition of fostering public speaking excellence among the Indian students in the Sultanate.



Gavelier Dhruv Rishikesh- 1ST POSITION-EVALUATION CATEGORY Oman Gavels Public Speaking Championship

WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP

The idea behind the World Scholar's Cup is to create something different than traditional academic competitions and conferences: it is a celebration of the joy of learning, and an enrichment opportunity that motivates students not just to demonstrate their existing strengths but to discover new ones.

At this prestigious WORLD SCHOLARS CUP REGIONAL ROUND hosted by the BRITISH SCHOOL MUSCAT on 7th -8th FEB 2025, two of our students- DHRUV RISHIKESH of Class 8D and AZMI ASEEF of Class 11 C won many accolades and qualified for the Global Round.



With over 20 Indian and International schools participating in this event, it was a matter of great pride that our students participated and qualified. Overall, Dhruv won 2 silver medals and 6 gold medals in various categories. Azmi won 1 silver medal and 2 gold medals.

MALAYALAM DEPT COMPETITIONS/ ACTIVITIES 2024-2025

The Department of Malayalam organised an Inter-House Handwriting Competition on May 13, 2024. Approximately 200 students participated enthusiastically in both the junior and senior categories, showcasing their handwriting skills.

The Malayalam Department conducted an inter-house poetry recitation competition on August 19, 2024, in the MP Hall to introduce students to Malayalam poetry and enhance their literary skills. Students from various houses actively participated, showcasing their talents and enthusiasm for the language.

The Malayalam Department organised an inter-house poetry recitation competition titled Ente Keralam, Ente Malayalam on October 22, 2024, to foster an appreciation for the Malayalam language and literature. The event took place in the MP Hall, where enthusiastic students from different houses actively participated, making the competition a great success.

To celebrate Onam, the Malayalam Department organised the Inter-House Athappookkalam (Floral Designing) Competition and Payasam Mela on September 12, 2024. The event was made possible with the support of the management, students, parents, and teachers. A variety of Payasam was distributed to all students and staff, adding to the festive spirit. The grand procession of Mahabali, accompanied by Chendamelam (*Chenda drum ensemble*.) and Thalappoli (Lamp-bearing ritual procession), enhanced the event's magnificence. The floral designing competition and the exciting tug-of-war contest among the house teams further added to the vibrancy of the celebrations.



TAMIL COMPETITION/ ACTIVITIES

The Tamil Department conducted the Tamil Poetry Recitation Competition for classes VI and VII on January 22, 2025, in the MP Hall.

The event aimed to introduce students to Tamil poetry and nurture their literary skills. Students from both classes participated enthusiastically, and the winners were awarded prizes.



GLIMPSES OF ACTIVITIES FROM THE DEPT. OF SCIENCE & FRENCH 2024 – 25

1. OMAN SUSTAINABILITY – OVERALL WINNER AWARD 2024

ECO Savvy – A Step Towards Sustainability

At ISWK, we believe that small steps lead to big changes. Committed to sustainable practices, our participation in ECO Savvy provided an excellent platform to showcase the school's best eco-friendly initiatives.

Each team member selected a sustainability idea and collaboratively developed it into a single, cohesive presentation. Guided by our teachers-in-charge, we designed models and displays that effectively represented our concepts. The guidelines shared by OABC were discussed in detail among team members, helping us plan and execute our project systematically.

Despite the overlap with our final examinations, we managed our time efficiently by dedicating an hour each day to complete our work. The event offered valuable opportunities to learn, collaborate, and strengthen our teamwork skills, while also gaining insights into Oman Vision 2040 and innovative sustainable practices presented by other participants.

2. SCIENCE INNOVATION CLUB – CLASSES 6 TO 12

The Science Innovation Club fosters creativity and problem-solving among students by engaging them in hands-on projects and experiments. Its role includes promoting scientific exploration, encouraging collaboration, and developing innovative solutions to real-world problems. The club provides a platform for students to enhance their scientific knowledge and skills outside the classroom.



Earth Day was celebrated on April 22nd to raise awareness about environmental issues. Activities include poster making and promoting sustainable practices to protect the planet Earth by our students. World Food Day was celebrated aiming to raise awareness about global hunger, food security, and the importance of sustainable agriculture, encouraging action towards achieving food security for all.



3. NATIONAL ASTRONOMY CHALLENGE 2024 – A visit to GMRT, Pune

The National Astronomy Challenge felicitations for Master Shashwat took place at Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) in Pune. This visit provides him and the teacher Mr. Vikrant Purandare with firsthand exposure to advanced radio astronomy technology, exploring how GMRT aids in space research. It enhances their understanding of celestial phenomena and encourages scientific curiosity.



4. INDIAN SCIENCE FORUM COMPETITIONS- 2024

The Indian Science Forum in Oman conducted numerous science competitions, including debates, digital symposiums, science skits, and project exhibitions. These events provide students with opportunities to showcase their scientific talents, engage in innovative activities, and interact with experts, promoting scientific curiosity, creativity, and a deeper understanding of various scientific fields.

5. VOICES OF SYNERGY – VS 20 Club Activities 2024

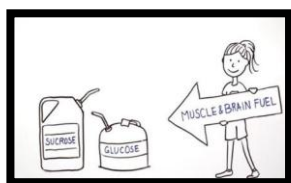
Oral Health Day, Voices of Synergy, Talent Skills English and Science Olympiad and the National French Olympiad felicitations were held successfully, celebrating achievements in oral hygiene awareness, inauguration of **VS20 club**, and honoring top performers in French language skills. These events highlighted student excellence, fostering creativity, learning, and cultural engagement within the school community.



The in-house Science and French workshops, International Chemistry Olympiad, and Climate Change Olympiad brought significant recognition to ISWK, showcasing students' excellence in chemistry, environmental awareness, and problem-solving skills, earning prestigious accolades.



At ISWK, National Space Day emphasized the importance of space exploration, inspiring students to explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). It fostered curiosity, innovation, and awareness about space-related advancements.



6. STAI 2024 – Science, Technology and Innovation

STAI 2024, held in Oman, was a significant event that brought together educators, students, and professionals to discuss advancements in science and technology. The conference featured workshops, seminars, and presentations, fostering innovation and collaboration. It served as a platform for sharing knowledge and promoting STEM education in the region.

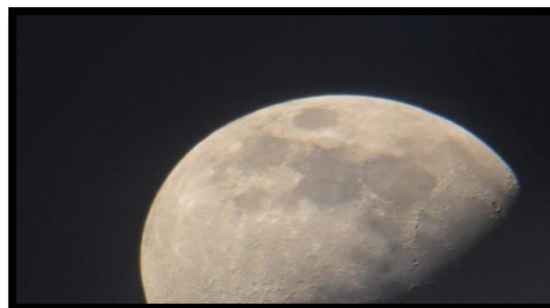


7. Young Laureate 2024

The Young Laureate seminar was a vital platform for empowering young minds, fostering creativity, and encouraging innovation. It allowed emerging leaders to engage with experts, share ideas, and gain insights on global issues. The seminar played a key role in shaping future leaders and promoting knowledge exchange and collaboration.

Being the Sastra Pratibha, an invitation to Master Shashwat to the IISF 2024 science event, held in India, was a remarkable gathering of scientific minds, featuring interactive exhibitions, cutting edge research, and discussions on emerging technologies. Participants, including students and professionals, had the opportunity to engage with top scientists, explore innovative projects, and gain valuable insights into various scientific fields, promoting knowledge exchange and fostering curiosity.





At ISWK, Science and French events play a crucial role in broadening students' knowledge and enhancing their skills. Science events foster critical thinking, innovation, and awareness of global challenges. French events promote cultural exchange, language proficiency, and global communication. Both events encourage creativity, teamwork, and learning, helping students excel academically and personally in a globalized world.



FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION



CBSE NATIONALS - VOLLEYBALL



CBSE NATIONALS - TENNIS



CBSE NATIONALS - HANDBALL



NATIONALS - BASKETBALL



CBSE NATIONALS ATHLETIC MEET

OMAN CRICKET LEAGUE-2024-2025

ISWK U11 clinched the Oman Cricket Junior Season 2024/25 title with dominant performances throughout the tournament. Aayansh Mistry was the star, winning Man of the Finals and Man of the Series for his outstanding all-round display. Ashbel Burboz impressed with the bat, finishing as the second-highest scorer with 418 runs. A brilliant season for ISWK, sealing their place as deserving champions!



ISWK-I U13 emerged as the champions of the Oman Cricket Junior League 2024/25, showcasing exceptional talent and determination throughout the tournament. Their consistent performances and teamwork led them to a well-deserved title victory. From ISWK, key contributions came from Pratham Lakhwani, Amog Shimpi, and Harsh Vadaria, who played crucial roles in supporting the team's success.

ISWK Women's team emerged victorious in the Oman Cricket Women's League 2024/25, showcasing exceptional skill and teamwork. Jayadhandia shined as the tournament standout performer, earning Man of the Finals and Best Batter honors. Disha was a force with the ball, claiming the Best Bowler of the Tournament title. A well-deserved championship win for ISWK Women!

ISWK U16 put up a strong fight in the Oman Cricket Junior League 2024/25, finishing as runners-up after an impressive campaign. Ayush Shetty was outstanding with the bat, earning the Best Batter of the Tournament award, while Aryan Joshi showcased his all-round brilliance to claim the Best All-rounder title. A commendable effort by the team in a highly competitive season!



Igniting Young Minds: Dr. Sonam Wangchuk Inspires Future Changemakers at ISWK

Indian School Al Wadi Kabir had the honour of hosting Mr. Sonam Wangchuk on 19th January 2025. A renowned innovator, engineer, and education reformist from Ladakh, Mr. Wangchuk is the founder of SECMOL (Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh), revolutionizing education in remote Himalayan regions. His groundbreaking initiatives, such as Ice Stupa artificial glaciers and solar-heated mud buildings, have addressed critical environmental challenges. A recipient of the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award, he continues to inspire change through sustainable solutions and practical learning.

The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Mr. Rajendra Ved, Executive Director of ISWK and ISWK Cambridge, Mr. Gaurav Kapoor, Chairperson, ICAI Oman Chapter, Mr. Unmesh Bhome, Vice Chair, ICAI Oman Chapter, esteemed members of the school management committees of ISWK and ISWK Cambridge, Principal Mr. D. N. Rao, Vice Principals, staff, and students.

Mr. Wangchuk was accorded a warm welcome by the student council members, followed by a grand fanfare and a melodious reception from the school band. He then visited an exhibition of innovative projects displayed by middle school students, where he interacted with them, appreciating their efforts and encouraging them to think creatively.

The formal ceremony took place in the Multipurpose Hall, where he was felicitated with a floral tribute. In his address, he emphasized the importance of developing problem-solving skills, urged students to be empathetic, and encouraged them to spend time in the kitchen with their mothers, a place he believes is rich with scientific learning opportunities. He also spoke passionately about sustainability and the need to develop solutions that align with environmental conservation.

The event was a deeply inspiring experience for students and educators alike, leaving a lasting impact on their perspectives on education, innovation, and sustainability.





A Day of Inspiration: Dr. Kiran Bedi Visits Indian School Wadi Kabir

It was a day of powerful presence, meaningful dialogue, and lasting inspiration as Dr. Kiran Bedi, India's first woman IPS officer and recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award, visited Indian School Wadi Kabir Senior School on 12th March 2025. Her visit left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of every student, teacher, and guest present.

Dr. Kiran Bedi was welcomed with a melodious reception by the school band. She was accompanied by an esteemed delegation including Mr. Rajendra Ved, Executive Director of ISWK and ISWK Cambridge, Mr. Alkesh Joshi, Assistant Executive Director of ISWK and ISWK Cambridge, other esteemed members of the School Management Committee, dignitaries from the ICAI Oman Chapter, including Mr. Gaurav Kapoor, Chairperson, and Mr. Unmesh Bhome, Vice-Chairperson, Principal Mr. D N Rao, and Vice-Principals.

Upon her arrival, she inaugurated the newly refurbished computer laboratories on the second and third floors of the senior school building – a meaningful step in the school's journey towards enhanced digital learning.

Thereafter, the distinguished members of the school managing committees of ISWK and ISWK Cambridge warmly welcomed her into the MP Hall, setting the tone for a memorable morning. Students and facilitators of other Indian schools in Muscat were also present to witness Dr. Kiran Bedi's inspiring address and be a part of the historic session.

The morning's programme commenced with the presentation of a sapling to Dr. Kiran Bedi followed by an address by Mr. Alkesh Joshi, Assistant Executive Director, who spoke of Dr. Bedi's phenomenal contributions to society. A short video on her life and achievements gave the audience a glimpse of her impactful journey.

In her dynamic and deeply thought-provoking address, Dr. Bedi touched upon the power of women as architects of humanity and creators of human beings, speaking about their empathy,

compassion, and the revolutionary mission they carry. Her words — “Who is educating the current population? It’s the women—the creators of human beings”—resonated strongly with all present.

Speaking to the facilitators, she emphasized the importance of teaching children three essential values: Giving, Gratitude, and Vision—elements she called “food for thought” and vital for nurturing responsible citizens.

A Q&A session followed, where students eagerly posed questions, including how to prepare for civil services. Dr. Bedi encouraged them to cultivate an all-rounded character, stressing the importance of being multifaceted, grounded, and equipped with both intellect and emotional intelligence. She also spoke on the need to remain lifelong learners, cautioning against overdependence on artificial intelligence and underscoring the irreplaceable value of human judgment and growth.

The session concluded with a heartfelt felicitation ceremony, where Mr. Rajendra Ved and Mr. Alkesh Joshi presented Dr. Bedi with a token of love and gratitude on behalf of the school. To the delight of the gathering, Dr. Bedi graciously joined the audience for a group photograph session and even took a joyful selfie with the crowd in the MP Hall—making the day even more memorable.



A Note to Conclude

As we bring this edition of *Wadi Waves* to a close, we reflect with pride on yet another year marked by growth, achievement, and meaningful learning at Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir. The pages of this newsletter capture not just events and accolades, but the collective spirit of our students, teachers, and parents who continue to shape ISWK into a dynamic and inspiring community.

This year has witnessed remarkable academic progress, vibrant cultural celebrations, outstanding performances in sports and competitions, and numerous initiatives that nurtured creativity, leadership, and responsibility among our learners. Each article and photograph is a reminder of the dedication, resilience, and enthusiasm that define our school.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all students whose contributions brought life to this edition, to the teachers for their constant guidance, and to the editorial team for their commitment in presenting the very best of ISWK. As we look ahead, we remain steadfast in our mission to empower young minds and create opportunities for every child to shine.

May the spirit of learning and excellence continue to guide us forward.
With warm regards,

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