

ODE TO HIS MAJESTY SULTAN QABOOS BIN SAID AL SAID



A great king lost, a new
Majesty found,
The lost king, buried in the
ground
This is the way life lets us
choose
As this great soul, was Sultan
Qaboos

The great king reigned
Over Oman for five glorious
decades.
All around the world he was
known
for the kindness and gratitude

he had shown.

A great monarch he made,
and for that he was always
praised.
He followed the duties of a
real king.
And of his glories we will
sing.
He was a saviour, and that
made him a great man,
And he peacefully ruled the
land.
Our saviour bestowed kindness
upon all.

And his death has affected
everyone - big and small.

O King! In our hearts you will
give.
Life will teach us how to
treasure great souls like
Sultan Qaboos!
A visionary leader, a noble
soul!

**MAY HIS MAJESTY'S SOUL
REST IN PEACE**



Ishaan Mahadeven, Grade 6

Principal's Message



Dear ISWK family members,

Education is a life-long learning process happening not only in the institution called "school" but also at home. This integrated approach, therefore, is to provide a learning environment and opportunities to the children as life-long learners.

Shaping agile and enquiring minds is one of life's biggest challenges. At ISWK, we aim to empower our students and staff to grow as individuals with inquisitive, analytical minds getting

an international sense of perspective that prepares them to make a mark in the global village - the world has come to be today. Our distinctive academic programmes and innovative teaching methodologies encourage students to develop critical-thinking. They learn to ask the important questions and are taught the methods of logical reasoning. They share their thoughts and ideas to develop key personal and social values. They also learn to take ownership of the choices they make and set goals to realize their own unique potential.

We value igniting the spark of creativity and curiosity in our students.

Parental involvement in a child's education process is both a gift to your child and a gift to the school. This partnership is strongly encouraged and highly valued at ISWK. We look forward to continuous and unconditional support from our School Management, Parents, Staff and students of ISWK to reach greater heights in the years to come.

With Regards
Mr. D.N.Rao

ISWK believes in creating a balanced educational programme that recognizes and values the 'whole child' and is interested in each child reaching his full potential, regardless of his/her personality. Students are granted space and resources to innovate, adjust to the circumstances, to innovate, and develop their skills. Students through various platforms are given opportunities to eliminate fear, the great destroyer of dreams, and experience happiness and joy for a lifetime. This edition of Wadi waves is an evidence of it. I wish the entire Student Editorial TEAM and teachers all the very best



Vice Principal's Message

With Regards
Jayaprakash Pillai

From The Editor's Desk



"The teacher's role is shifting from 'instructing' students, to helping students 'construct' their own learning." – Jason Ellingson.

In a globally and digitally interconnected world, a cradle to career skill development is essential. An out-of-the-box thinking, coupled with digital literacy and effective communication would empower young minds and make them all the more competitive. Students should pay undivided attention to soft skills, professional tete-a-tete and indulge in interactive group discussions with sincere interest in active listening and reciprocation.

A creative mind with innovative thinking, novel concepts and seamless implementation would mark the work trend of the 21st century. Working in teams with members, breaking the boundaries of geography, religion and race will intensify the scope of generating new ideas, keeping in mind the global perspective and the wide gamut of creative interests floating around. However, this should be paired with structured and methodical execution to ensure optimum effectiveness. 21st century work output demands novelty of ideas, presented innovatively, thereby opening up a wide gamut of opportunities for the students and creating a difference among millions. At ISWK, each child is precious to us and we give ample opportunities to them, to bloom into global citizens, by allowing them to participate in a plethora of activities.

Wishing all my students the very best for the new academic year!

With Regards
Mrs. Roshni M

**'Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow.
It belongs to those who prepare for it'**

-Akash Patil



Head Boy's Message

Pride, Respect, Confidence, resilience, aspiration, positivity, enjoyment and politeness are the values promoted at ISWK. The encouraging and enthusiastic staff ensure that every student is on the right path. Along with academics ISWK also offers a wide range of extracurricular activities which encourage students to socialize and enjoy what school life has to offer. As the Head Boy, I got the opportunity to bring about positive changes in the school. It also helped me to develop my leadership skills. I would like to tell my juniors that Believe in yourself! It might not be easy but it's going to be worth it! Before I sign off I would like to thank everyone who has supported me through these beautiful 14 years at ISWK.

-Thank you.

Head Girl's Message



When Kate Winslet was awarded the Oscar in 2005 for her performance in the acclaimed film 'The Reader', she confessed that she had been practising her acceptance speech since the age of eight- in the bathroom with a shampoo bottle. This would probably serve as the best example for one of the most important life lessons that I have learnt in this journey that has spanned more than a decade- that dreams don't work unless you do and you get in life what you have the courage to ask for. School life is a roller coaster- a film that simply cannot fit into a single genre. It is a mixture of drama, comedy, melodrama and lots of other added spices. But all of it- the joy, the tears, the punishments, the embarrassments, and sometimes the feeling it being 'the end of the world'- all serve as memories, memories to remember and cherish forever. As I near the end of my journey- the best advice I wish to give to my peers is to remember that life is now. Live in the moment. Life is a series of choices- not a series of right choices but a culmination of choices that could be both right or wrong. And it is important that you try, understand and then proceed to move forward because in the end what matters is that you get up after you fall down. Regretting a wrong choice is alright. Because in the end- that mistake or failure will teach you something worth learning. But regretting giving up on a chance- that's something you will regret forever. Anything you can imagine, you can also do and it will never be too late for you to try, whatever it is that you have wanted to do. So go on and try every spice that life has to offer you. As Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam writes in 'Wings of Fire'- 'We are all born with a divine fire in us. Our efforts should be to give wings to this fire and fill the world with the glow of its goodness.'

-Emima Suresh

ISWK SUCCESS CONTINUES !!!

GRAND SUCCESS IN CBSE CLASS XII BOARD EXAMINATIONS – 2019

Science Stream



Mohamed Arshad Peer
Mohamed (95.6 %)
FIRST RANK



Tarun Jayadevan
(95.4%)
SECOND RANK



Taher Murtaza
Rampurawala (95.2%)
THIRD RANK

Commerce Stream



Kenvin Thomas
Kurumbeswarath (96.4%)
FIRST RANK



Khadeja Khan
(96%)
SECOND RANK



Tanushree Pradeep
Chanashery (96%)
SECOND RANK



Nisha Anna Joseph
Meethal (95.2%)
THIRD RANK

Class 12 results of Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir have shown marked improvement in 9 out of 12 subjects at the All India Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination of March 2019. All of the 237 students, 117 in the Commerce and 120 in the Science stream, who appeared in the examination came out with flying colours.

ISWK STUDENTS' STUPENDOUS PERFORMANCE

The following is the list of toppers in both the Science as well as Commerce streams

ENGLISH	Hassan Firoz Haider	98
ACCOUNTANCY	Ali Sarwar	100
ECONOMICS	Tanushree Pradeep Chanashery Khadeja Khan Pooja Ikkandath Sathish Sanju S Ephrem	99
BUSINESS STUDIES	Aleena Jose	97
ENTREPRENEURSHIP	Khadeja Khan	96
INFORMATICS PRACTICES	Vaidehi Dilesh Ramaiya Devika V Nair	100
COMPUTER SCIENCE	Anaswara Raghuthaman Naga Deepak Pagadala	99
BIOLOGY	Divina Joshy	99
CHEMISTRY	Naga Deepak Pagadala Taher Murtaza Rampurawala Tarun Jayadevan Noble Kochukunju Jacob Divina Joshy Hassan Firoz Haider Anaswara Raghuthaman Mohammed Arshad Peer Mohamed Devanshu Dushyant Ramaiya Joe Jose M.G. Pawan Kumar Babu Mohit Sushil Zanwar Tejal Kara Shingadia Ayush Man Rana Abhay Basanagoud Biradar Adhiith Sriram Nurani Viswanadhan Steve Stagy Kantokaran Amirra Vinod Nair Arsh Manoj Pathak Navin Thomsy Prashant Maikhuri Robert Joseph George Sakthi Vigneshvar Vijayanand Karthik Satheesh Rao Naziha Bervin Abdul Nizar Nimichelle Shaju Caleb Shalom Jayakumar Anna Mariyam Darshan Shivkumar Nattamai Diya Tarunkumar Divan	95
PHYSICS	Taher Murtaza Rampurawala	98
MATHEMATICS	Tanushree Pradeep Chanashery	99

TRIUMPHANT TOPPERS

GRAB THE LIMELIGHT

SUBJECT TOPPERS

The School Management,
Principal and Staff
congratulated the students and
their parents on achieving
commendable results. The hard
work of the students has paid
off.

*Congratulations
to all!*



Divina Joshy
BIOLOGY



Tejal Kara Shingadia
ENGINEERING GRAPHICS



Noble Kochukunju Jacob



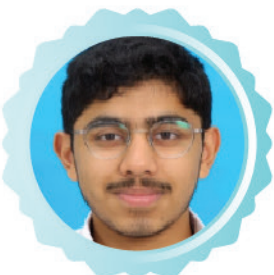
Salihah Banu
ENGINEERING GRAPHICS



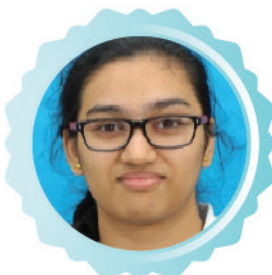
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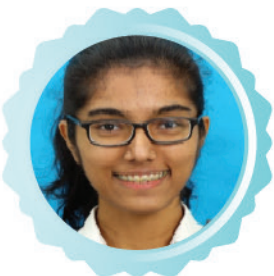
Khadeja Khan
ECONOMICS



Pooja Ikkandath
Sathish Kumar
ECONOMICS



Sanju S. Ephrem
ECONOMICS



Anaswara
COMPUTER SCIENCE



Naga Deepak Pagadala

**SUBJECT
TOPPERS
(CHEMISTRY 95%)**

**BUDDING CHEMISTS WHO
EXCELLED IN SOLVING THE
MYSTERIES OF CHEMISTRY**



Naga Deepak Pagadala



**Taher Murtaza
Rampurawala**



**Tarun
Jayadevan**



**Noble Kochukunju
Jacob**



Divina Joshy



**Anaswara
Raghuthaman**



**Hassan Firoz
Haider**



**Mohammed Arshad
Peer Mohamed**



**Devanshu
Dushyant Ramaiya**



Joe Jose



**M. G. Pawan Kumar
Babu**



**Mohit Sushil
Zanwar**



**Tejal Kara
Shingadia**



**Karthik Satheesh
Rao.**



**Sakthi Vigneshvar
Vijayanand**



**Ayushman
Rana**



**Abhay Basanagoud
Biradar**



**Robert Joseph
George**



**Prashant
Maikhuri**



Adhith



**Sriram Nurani
Viswanathan**



**Steve Stagy
Kattokaran**



**Amirta Vinod
Nair**



**Arsh Manoj
Pathak**



**Navin
Thomsy**



**Naziha Bervin Abdul
Nizar**



**Nimichelle
Shaju**



**Caleb Shalom
Jayakumar**



**Anna
Mariyam**



**Darshan
Shivkumar
Nattamai**



**Diya Tarunkumar
Divan**

CBSE CLASS X BOARD EXAMINATIONS – 2019; THE SAGA OF SUCCESS CONTINUES IN ISWK


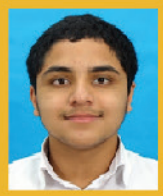


With an astounding 12 centums in Social Science and 3 in Mathematics, ISWK students have once again proved their academic prowess in the CBSE Class 10 Board Examinations held in March 2019.

The performance of the students is truly commendable.





Master Tej Prashant Nilkund has topped the list of successful candidates with a stupendous performance with 97.8%. Following him is Ms. Sayanti Maiti in the second place with an aggregate of 97.4 % and Master Vaisnav Rajesh Nair (96.8 %) in the third place.

The total number of students appeared in the board exams from ISWK for the academic year 2018-2019 were 359. Out of 359 students, 82 students have secured more than 90% in all subjects. ISWK has once again proven their mettle by securing a school average of more than 79% in all the subjects.




Scored 100% in Mathematics

Hindi

English





RANK	NAME	PERCENTAGE
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2 nd Rank	Ms. Sayanti Maiti	97.4%
3 rd Rank	Master Vaisnav Rajesh Nair	96.8%










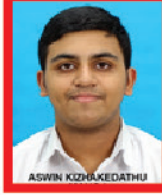


REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE OF SUBJECT TOPPERS



Scored 100% Marks in Social Science








FIT & PAINTING

FIT



FRENCH





IS QUIZ

Season- 4, Inter-School Mathematics Quiz 2019



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ISWK ORGANIZES INTER-SCHOOL MATHEMATICS QUIZ

Commemorating the birth anniversary of 'The Man Who Knew Eternity', Dr. Srinivas Ramanujan, the mathematical genius of India, Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir hosted the Season - 4, Inter-School Mathematics Quiz in the multi-purpose hall. Christened as 'The Vision of Infinity', the quiz is held every year to celebrate the birth anniversary of Dr. Ramanujan which falls on December 22nd and to pay tribute to him. Mr. Mayur Sanghani, Khimji Ramdas was the Chief Guest. Mrs. Sushmita Gupta, an esteemed member of the ISWK school management committee was the Guest of Honour.

Participants from 11 Indian Schools in Oman-- IBRA, IBRI, MUSCAT, SEEB, SOHAR, DARSAIT, MULADHA, SALALAH, SUR, AL GHUBRA, the host school ISWK as well as SRI LANKAN school were seen vying with one another contesting for the coveted trophy.

ISWK INVESTS STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Creating an elegant ambience, ISWK invested its elected Student Council members and Office Bearers for the academic year 2019-2020. Shri. Kiran Asher, the Founder Partner and Group Managing Director of Al Ansari Group of Companies, was the Chief Guest at the stately Investiture Ceremony. Mr. Anil Khimji, chief patron of the school; Mr. Alkesh Joshi, Honorary President of the S.M.C along with its esteemed members; special invitees, dignitaries, and parents were present in the school Multi-Purpose Hall on this august occasion. The Chief Guest was ushered in with elaborate fanfare. After the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries, the school Western Music choir offered up a heartfelt prayer.

*"The old order changeth yielding
place to new"*
- Tennyson

The investiture commenced with the handing over of charge by the previous year's House Masters and Mistresses to their newly-appointed forerunners. This was followed by the presentation of badges to the members of the Student Head Council as well as the House Office Bearers, by the Honourable Chief Guest. The Chief Guest conferred the badge of office on the Head Council members and House Office Bearers- Master Akash Patil (Head Boy), Miss Emima N Suresh (Head Girl), Abhijit Prasad Nair (Deputy Head Boy), Gayatri Rajesh (Deputy Head Girl), Zayed Ali Khan (Boy Sports Coordinator), Kashish Juned Panwala (Girl Sports Coordinator), Master

Rejath V Reji (Boy Cultural Coordinator), Reha

Rajesh (Girl Cultural Coordinator), Amro Robin Joseph (Boy Public Relations Coordinator) and Sreedevi Babu (Girl Public Relations Coordinator).

The Chief Guest's inspirational speech was followed by the formal signing of the Oath of Office. In the presence of Mr. Kiran Asher, Mr. Anil Khimji, Mr. Alkesh Joshi and Mr. D.N. Rao, the Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl ratified the Oath as a symbol of acceptance of their duties and responsibilities vested upon them. To mark the end of the solemn proceedings, the talented students of the school's dance troupe staged a scintillating semi-classical dance performance, titled 'Rhythm of Dance'.

The School's Hindustani choir captured the explicit emotion in the words of a spirited song, 'Dil Mein Mere Kucch Sapne...' A few dreams there are in my heart, my very own. The programme concluded with the singing of the National Anthem and now it was time to capture the mood of the day with an elaborate photo-session.





CELEBRATING SUPPORT STAFF DAY

We Care for the unsung heroes!

May 7th, 2019 was yet another fun-filled day at Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir as student members of the 'Entrepreneurs Club' (Commerce Stream) celebrated "Support Staff Day" to honour the efforts of the unsung heroes. Mr. Kirti Jesrani, Co-Convener and Co-Treasurer of the SMC, and Mr. Manoj Ranade, Chairperson, Games & Sports, were the Guests of Honour. They welcomed the members of the support staff into the MP Hall by presenting 'Thank You' cards to them.

At the start of the function, both Omani and Expats hygiene workers as well as other support staff were given a warm welcome by the students of 'Entrepreneurs Club' who duly acknowledged their hard work and contribution towards the efficient functioning of the school.

The gathering enjoyed a video presentation of the interviews of the senior support staff as they spoke about themselves and their daily routine. Class 12 students--Amatullah, Juveriya and Baruni expressed their admiration for the tireless workers by reciting poems and making speeches in their praise in Gujarati, Hindi and Arabic, especially written for the occasion. They deeply appreciated the toiling of the School workforce to keep the school functioning like a well-oiled machine.

Mr. Manoj Ranade, SMC member, congratulated the entire support staff and thanked them for their selfless service. He also lauded the efforts of the students towards this noble gesture. He said that they'd set up a good tradition by taking the initiative to honour the helping hands that make their school hours so comfortable.

To entertain the support staff, there were games to play where they vied with one another to win attractive prizes. To felicitate them, gift vouchers were given to all the members of the support staff by SMC. It was an overwhelming moment for Mr. Jeram, a senior support staff member, who expressed his thoughts of gratefulness toward the School Management, Teachers and Students for their kind gesture. The function came to a close as the gathering commingled leisurely. It was a happy occasion to see the SMC members and teaching staff enjoying the luncheon with the support staff of the school.



WEB DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION AND I.T QUIZ

With a view to promote students' software development skills and validate their learning in Information and Computer Technology, Indian School Wadi Kabir organized 'Acuity-2019' - an Interschool Web Development Competition and I.T quiz. The event presented a unique opportunity for students to design a website on their own on the topic of Interior Designing. Mr.

Mohd. Nayaz, Guest of Honour and partner in Ernst and Young Cyber Security practice, kick-started the event.

Mr. Ian MacNaught, the associate dean for planning and resources at Majan University college, Mr. Mohammad K. Yassen, Director of E-Learning at Majan University college, Mr. Chandrasekar Subramanian - a seasoned Techno-Functional professional and business analyst at Ernst and Young adjudicated the competition. Mr. Mayur Sanghani and Mr. Binay Shukla, esteemed School Management Committee members, also graced the occasion. A total of eight teams from Indian schools at Al Ghubra, Al Seeb, Sohar, Maabela, Muscat, Nizwa, Darsait as well as the host school participated in the Web Development and in I.T quiz competition. The team comprising of Sahil Manish Chawla and Vishwesh Vhavle Naresh from IS Muscat came at the First runners-up position. Ashwin Arjunan and Sarthak Sarkar of the host school ISWK emerged champions in this closely fought competition.

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INTER-SCHOOL HINDI AASHUBHASHAN COMPETITION

“BOLIYE EK MINUTE

Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir hosted the Inter-School Hindi Extempore Competition, an annual event organized by the Hindi department on 2nd May 2019, to provide a platform to students of classes 6 to 10 to develop their oratorical skills. The extempore speech was chosen especially to enable students to plan and organize their thoughts on the spur of the moment. Eleven Indian Schools of Oman and forty four students of Junior & Senior level participated in this event. Ms. Geeta Nair, Mr. Gajesh Dhariwala and Ms. Rashmi Sahay were the esteemed Judges on the Panel for adjudicating the programme. Interesting topics based on various aspects of life made the participants and audience enthused and engrossed in the programme.

JUNIOR LEVEL : I prize - ANWESHA CHAKRABORTY (ISM),
II Prize - SYED KASIM ABBAS (IS-Nizwa) & VARDHAN SAMEER DHAT (ISWK),
III Prize - VAREESHA JAVED (IS-Salah) & KASHVI SHARMA (ISG).

SENIOR LEVEL : I Prize - GARV KHARB (IS-SEEB),
II Prize - SHIVANSHI MISHRA (ISWK) & ABHAY RAAJ MISHRA (ISWK),
III Prize - JATIN SONY (IS-Salah) & SAYEDA INSHA FATIMA ZAIDI (ISM)

73rd INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED AT ISWK



Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir along with ISWK International celebrated the 73rd Independence Day of India in the senior school premises on August 15th. It's a day marked with gaiety and a spirit of freedom in as much as it's a tribute to those who made the supreme sacrifice for the country.

The Chief Guest for the function was Shri Vijaysinh Veljee Pawani, Founder Director of Madhavjee Veljee Bros & Co. and Vipul Kumar Enterprises LLC Muscat & Dubai. Madam Pawani also graced the occasion. Shri. Pawani inspected a guard of honour as the official welcoming ceremony.

The Head Girl and Head Boy presented him a potted plant. Accompanying Shri. Vijaysinh Pawani and Madam Pawani on this joyous occasion were Mr. Rajendra Ved, Executive Director, ISWK and ISWKi; Mr. Alkesh Joshi, Honorary President of the SMC; members of the School Management Committees of both ISWK and ISWK International; members of the Hindu Mahajan Association; members of the Board of Directors of Indian Schools in Oman and other special invitees.

As the Chief Guest released the balloons in Tricolour, the school band in full attire played the National Anthem. The walls near the stage were draped in the colours of the national flag. Large fliers bearing pictures of national heroes of the country's Independence struggle adorned the stage. Clusters of tri-coloured balloons on either side of the stage gently swayed to an occasional draught of breeze. Patriotic songs, both old and new, played over the public address system contributed to the ambience. A student compere recited Tagore's timeless masterpiece 'Where the Mind Is without Fear'.

In an impressive march past, the contingents, those of the Student Council and the four Houses – Vivekananda, Tagore, Ashoka and Akbar in their best turn out, presented a salute to the Chief Guest.

Carefully chosen items of dance and music imbued the audience with a sense of national pride and jubilation.

The tiny tots from Kindergarten danced away to the theme songs 'Chale Chalo' and 'Lakshya'. The Primary Wings of morning and afternoon shifts performed two vibrant dances – "Breathless Instrumental" and "Kandhon Se Milte Hain Kandhe", to lilting tuneful melodies. The performers in their colourful attire executed brilliant dance postures that bespoke of the younger generations' resolve to take their country to hitherto unscaled heights. The senior school students sang the national song 'Vande Matram' – I bow to thee O' motherland. The spirited rendition filled the listeners with a sense of deep regard and dedication for their motherland. The function ended with a vote of thanks from the student council members.



INTER - SCHOOL ENGLISH LINGUAWIZ QUIZ -2019

'Linguawiz-2019' an inter-school English Quiz competition, was organized on 9th September, 2019 by Indian School Wadi Kabir (Department of English). A total of thirteen teams from Indian schools namely IS Muscat, Darsait, Al Ghubra, Al Ghubra – International, Seeb, Sur, Mabela, Muladha, Nizwa, Sohar, Ibri, Salalah and the host school ISWK took part in the competition.

Mr. Ashok Purohit, Sports Editor of 'Muscat Daily', was the Chief Guest. Mr. Alkesh Joshi, honorary president of the school management committee along with Mrs. Shilpa Pawani, Mrs. Sushmita Gupta and Mr. Rajendra Verma, esteemed members of the SMC graced the occasion. The hall had been aptly decorated with placards and charts on legendary men and women of letters, Harry Potter and memorable characters from Marvel as well as Nobel Laureates of English literature.

IS Darsait were declared winners while the host school ISWK bagged the second position. IS Sur won the third prize. The winners were congratulated by the Chief Guest and the honorary president of the SMC. Kudos to all the talented quizzers. 'Linguawiz' is an initiative on part of ISWK to bring together keen contestants from all the Indian schools and it is hoped that this event will be eagerly awaited for till the next academic year.



Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir held their Annual Academic Merit Award ceremony for Middle and Senior school for the academic year 2018-19 in their multi-purpose hall on 11th of September. Mr. Alkesh Joshi, Honorary President of the SMC was the Chief Guest for the occasion. Esteemed members of S.M.C, special invitees, parents and well-wishers of the school graced the evening function. This award ceremony is a new initiative of the School Management Committee to motivate more students to excel in academics and celebrate their success with the ISWK family. The programme began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, and a prayer by the school choir.

Mementos, certificates and books were bestowed on the class toppers as well as subject toppers in the Classes 6th to 9th and Class 11th. In his address to the gathering, the Chief Guest remarked that ISWK enjoyed the exclusivity of being the most preferred school in the region by virtue of its unparalleled successes notched up by its students. He also remarked that ISWK enjoyed the singular distinction of having maximum number of students who achieved cent percent marks in the subject of Informatics Practices at the Senior Secondary level among all the CBSE affiliated schools around the globe. Also, for three consecutive years ISWK has been adjudged as the best school by the Gulf Cooperation Council. He added that recognizing the efforts of the meritorious students was toward motivating them as well as other students toward excellence in academics. He mentioned that efforts were on to institute a prize especially to honour the parents of highly successful students as being their best supporters. The award giving ceremony for each class was interspersed with some light entertainment for the audience.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS CEREMONY

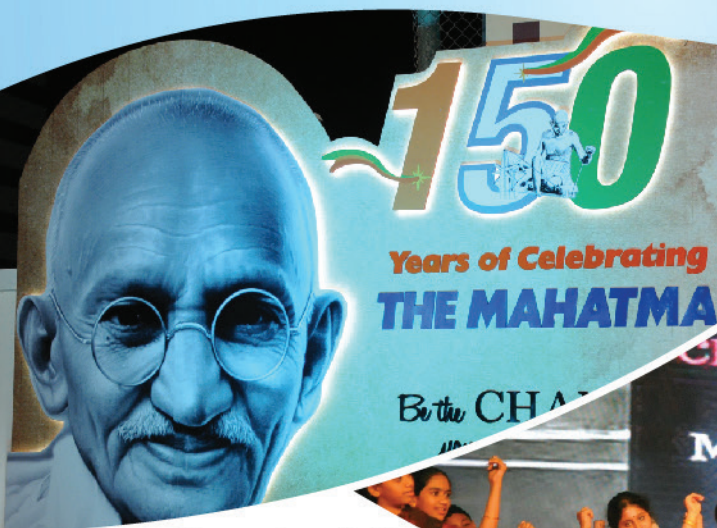




As part of the continuing two-year long celebrations of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Indian School Wadi Kabir in association with the Indian Embassy organized the '150th Birth Anniversary of the Mahatma – a Musical Extravaganza' a gala event under the aegis of Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman. The event was held on ISWK Primary school ground, on Oct. 19, 2019. Indian Schools in the Muscat Circle area, participated in the evening's function. His Excellency Munu Mahawar, Indian Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman was the Chief Guest. Also present on the occasion was His Excellency, Omar Lebbe Ammerajwad, the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Sultanate of Oman. Sheikh Kanaksi Khimji, chief patron and a prominent member of the Indian business community in Oman also graced this occasion. The other dignitaries present included officials from the Ministry of Education and Indian Embassy; Mr. Kiran Asher, Ex-Chairman BOD and esteemed member of the Education Cell ; Dr. Baby Sam Saamuel, Chairman Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman; Ms. Halima Hamad Al Kasmi , International Schools Office, Ministry of Education; Mr. Rajendra Ved, Executive Director of ISWK and ISWK International ; Mr. Alkesh Joshi, Honorary President of SMC of ISWK, venerable members of the BOD; esteemed members of SMC's of ISWK and ISWK Cambridge International and other Indian Schools; Principals and staff of other Indian Schools, special invitees, parents and well-wishers of the school.

In his address to the gathering, H.E. Munu Mahawar expressed his delight to be a part of this celebrations which he described as nothing short of 'GRAND'. He remarked that Gandhi's life and teachings have gained acceptance among people of all nationalities. He quoted from the Mahatma's sayings and urged his listeners to imbibe and practice the Gandhian message of peace and harmony most relevant to the world today. Mr. Alkesh Joshi, Honorary President of the S.M.C. of ISWK mentioned that Indian schools in Oman worked in unison for the students to understand and imbibe human values along with the principles of honesty, love and perseverance and selflessness taught by Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. Baby Sam Saamuel, Chairman BOD expressed the need to evoke the Gandhi in all of us, to nurture within us the virtue of tolerance and choose the path of 'Ahimsa' non-violence and allow peace to win over violence.





The solar light formations were presented along with the rendition of a song – ‘Bapu ko shath shath naman’, composed by a teacher of ISWK. Other items included a tableau, fashion show, choir singing and fashion show highlighting the importance of ‘khadi’. Students offered soulful tributes to the ‘Father of the Nation’ through mellifluous renditions of Bapu’s favourite songs in addition to a few especially written or composed for the occasion. Several poignant scenes from the Mahatma’s life were vividly portrayed through dance dramas highlighting the core values of his philosophy—Truth and Non-violence. Participants ranging from kindergarten to senior school enthralled the audience through their role-play outlining the universal appeal of Gandhian philosophy. The main attraction of the mega event was the shadow play depicting the making of the Mahatma—a journey that started with the degrading treatment meted out to him at a railway station in the white dominated South Africa. This had compelled Gandhi to become resolutely opposed to colour prejudice. The programme culminated in a befitting manner with the vote of thanks proposed by a student of ISWK who thanked the august gathering for their gracious presence.



The function was indeed a laudable effort on part of the organizers to bring together participants from different Indian schools in Oman to disseminate to the world the teachings and philosophy of an apostle of peace —

The Man of the Millennium', Mahatma Gandhi.



10th INTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE COMPETITION 2019



The 10th Inter-school Science Competition “ISWK STEM LEAGUE 2019” for senior students was held on 21st

October 2019 at the M P hall. The event was organized by the

Department of Science as a part of annual program to allow the students to think critically and work together in teams, strengthening collaborative, real –world problem solving, out of the box thinking and social skills.

A total of 7 schools participated in this model making competition conducted in two phases- Phase 1-Robotic Olympiad contest and Phase 2- Model making contest. An eminent panel of judges comprising of Mr. Yogesh Jain, Mrs. Ashmita Roy, Mrs. Judith Prateeba, Mrs. Ratna Hiremath, experts from Science field, adjudicated the event. Teams with 3 students from classes 10,11 and 12 each participated in both the phases of the competition. The topics for Model Making competition were–Industrial Development, Future Transport and Communication, Educational Games and Mathematical Model Making and Stem Based Modelling. Students showcased innovative skills by exhibiting a wide spectrum of ideas and involvement with what is happening around them. In a closely contested event, Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir was the winners, Indian school Al Ghubra was the 1st runners up and Indian School Al Seeb were the 2nd runners up. The event ended with the prize distribution by the Distinguished Guests Mr. Binay Shukla and Dr. Hiral Jerajani Kamath , Judges and Mr. D N Rao the principal to the winners. Certificates for participation were given to all participants. The audience and contestants were enthralled by the variety and range of ideas that were displayed and presented at the competition.

INTER-SCHOOL FRENCH EVENT

Jour du souvenir, a day of remembrance, intended to honour and remind people of November 11, 1918, when an armistice was signed between the Allied Forces and Germany at Compiègne in northern France. To commemorate this day dedicated in the name of human fraternity sans frontier the French department of the school has organized the maiden episode of Francomania – an interschool quiz clash held in the multipurpose hall on November 11. The Quiz entwined the French Language students and their facilitators across Indian Schools in Oman and at the same time it aimed to encourage their contemporaries toward apprehending and apprenticing this global language! All questions of the quiz were by and large based on the CBSE curricula in French 2nd Language covering a certain current affairs therein. Indian School Al Ghubra students accompanied by their Head of the

Department Eugene James, bagged the third position whereas contingents from Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir and Indian school Muscat accompanied by their faculty Vidya Jeffery, were declared the runner-up and the winner respectively. The Guest of Honour for the morning, Emmanuel Chauvin, Director of French-Omani Centre, delivered an intensely mentoring speech.





Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir called a Model UN Assembly on October 24 to mark the 74th United Nations Day. The ongoing initiative by the Department of Social Science is meant to provide information to students about the working of the UN as well as a common platform for expressing their views as representatives of member nations of the United Nations. Student-delegates from ten Indian Schools- Muladha, Sur, Sohar, Muscat, Jalan, Nizwa, Mabela, Al Seeb, and the host school ISWK participated in the competition to speak on “Eliminating Single use of plastics... From arguments to consensus”. There were in all 55 delegates from the participating schools who deliberated on the topic.

Mr. Anuj Swarup, Second Secretary (Political, Education and Information) Embassy of India, Muscat, was the Chief Guest. In his address to the gathering he appreciated the host school for taking the initiative to organize this important event. He also lauded the present purpose of the Model Assembly which was to promote students’ understanding about how UN works. He emphasized the UN’s role as a political platform for the member countries to make their voices heard.

Ms. Soni Budhia, a passionate Toastmaster and a noted artist; DTM’s Elias Abraham and George Thomas, both highly experienced public speakers, were on the panel of adjudicators. A mime and a thematic dance on Peace and Unity was performed by the students of the host school ISWK as part of the cultural programme.

‘*Best Research Paper Award*’ went to Abhijit Prasad of Indian School Wadi Kabir, he represented Singapore. In the category ‘Diplomacy Awards’ Snehasen Hazarika (ISM) representing Bangladesh lifted the winner’s trophy while Mannat Ajmani (ISWK International) representing Madagascar was in the first runner-up spot. Lavanya Rajan (ISD) representing Turkey finished as the second runner-up. Indian School Muscat earned the distinction of being the ‘Outstanding Delegation’.





“INSPIRITOURISM” AN INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION: COMMERCE DEPARTMENT



The Commerce Department at Indian School Wadi Kabir has organized “Inspiritourism”—an inter-school business promotion competition. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr. Ganesh Thangavel, Chief Financial Officer at Bank Muscat SAOG. Mr Ganesh is also a member ISWK School Management Committee. The panel of judges included Mrs. Amira Al Khatri, Head Marketing Department, Salman Corporation; Mr. Pankaj Sharma, Senior Editor at Times of Oman; Mrs. Jhumpa Chakraborty and Ms. Aishwarya Sekar, both renowned personalities in the field of Dancing.



A total of six teams from Indian Schools Ghubra, Muscat, Seeb, Muladha, Maabela as well as the host school participated in the competition which had two components: drawing up of a business plan to promote tourism in Oman, and performing a dance depicting the culture of a given country. The team comprising of Mahalaxmi Katari, Shawn Sabu & Sonu of ISWK won the First position in the Business Promotion Competition whereas ISG emerged winners in the Dance competition. The host school ISWK clinched the Overall Best School trophy. ISG finished at the First Runners-Up and ISM at Second Runners-Up positions.



The Department of Commerce at ISWK brings in something novel and unique each year by way of a competition to help commerce students to hone their entrepreneurial skills as well as apply theoretical concepts to the real-world business propositions. It is hoped that the students’ active participation in this event broadened their outlook on the real world socio- economic issue, as well as enhanced their understanding of certain key business concepts. The event also allowed them to exercise their creativity and gain self-confidence.



INTER-HOUSE HINDI DRAMATICS AND PRESENTATION OF SHRI MATHRADAS KHMJI MEMORIAL AWARDS



Indian School Wadi Kabir held its biennial Inter-House Hindi Dramatics Competition along with the award-giving ceremony of the 'Late Sh. Mathradas Khimji Memorial Awards for Academic Excellence' for the year 2018-19. The function took place on Tuesday evening, 5th of November 2019. Mrs. Shilpa Vipul Pawani, Chairperson Academic and Staff Matters, was the Chief Guest. Also present on the occasion were Mr. Anil Khimji, the Guest of Honour ; esteemed members of the S.M.C; special invitees; parents and well-wishers of the school. The programme commenced with lighting the lamp by the Chief Guest, Mrs. Shilpa Vipul Pawani; the guest of honour, Mr. Anil Khimji ; other esteemed members of the SMC of ISWK, the school Principal and Vice Principal.

Mrs. Shilpa Pawani, the Chief Guest in her speech lauded the impressive performances by student actors who effectively brought home to the audience the urgent need to empower our women and eradicate gender discrimination in society. She congratulated the Hindi faculty for addressing an important social issue in a touching manner. The short plays held the audience spell-bound with remarkable stage effects and moving performances. Ashutosh Srinivasan (Tagore House) and Shridevi Mohan (Ashoka House) were adjudged Best Actors in the male & female categories respectively. Uday Raj Gupta (Vivekananda House) and Mariya Gandhi (Akbar House) were declared Best Supporting Actors in the male & female categories respectively. Archit of Tagore House was declared the Best Child Actor. Abhay Raj Mishra of Akbar House and Nidhi Bhavesh of Tagore House were individually commended for their acting ability. To congratulate and encourage the young actors, certificates of participation were awarded to all the participants. Mr. Milind Jadav- Senior Hindi Teacher at ISWK International , Mr. Ghanshyam Prajapati- Senior Hindi Teacher at ISM and Mr. Sudhakar Tripathi-Senior Hindi Teacher at ISM, all expert theatre critics, adjudicated the drama competition. The staging of the plays was interspersed with the felicitation of the top rankers (first three positions) from classes 6th to 12th as part of the annual 'Late Sh. Mathradas Khimji Memorial Awards for Academic Excellence', for the year 2018-19. Cash prizes, medals and certificates of distinction were given away to these meritorious students. The programme came to a befitting closure with presentation of mementos to the esteemed panel of judges and delivery of the vote of thanks.

The select gathering witnessed one-act plays themed on women empowerment. 'Housle ki Udaan' (Ashoka House) was based on the true story of Arunima Sinha, the first female amputee of India to scale Mount Everest. The play, scripted and directed by Sh. Sushil Sharma and Mrs. Neelam won the Best House trophy.

Tagore House finished as first runners-up with their production 'Munia', directed by Mrs. Nowshad Firoz and Mr. Ramkewal - the story of a girl who, in spite of victimisation at the hands of a man, emerges stronger with help from her stoic father. Vivekananda House were placed at the second runners up position with their play 'Kuldeepak,' directed by Mr. Rama Krishna and Mrs. Anu Bala which poignantly addressed the issue of gender discrimination. Akbar House production 'Sangharsh' directed by Mrs. Chitra and Mr. Thakur represented the saga of a young girl who through positivity and resilience overcomes the toughest challenges in her life.



ISWK HOLDS ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

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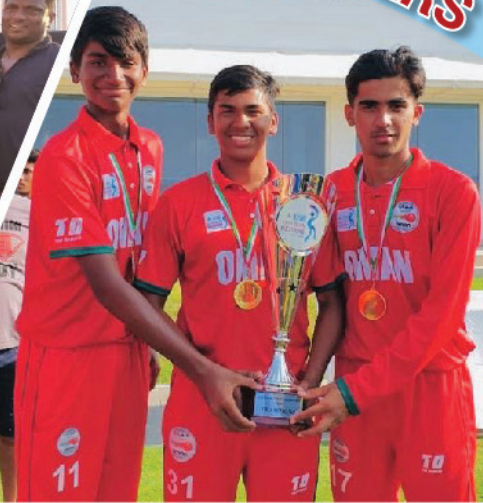
ISWK Annual Sports Meet was held on November 20, 2019 amidst great mirth, verve and camaraderie at their Primary school grounds. Mr. Mark Rix, CEO-Apex Media, was the Chief Guest. Also present on the occasion was Mr. Alkesh Joshi, honorary President of the School Management Committee; other esteemed members of the SMC; distinguished members of the Education Cell; special invitees, parents and well-wishers. An impressive 'Torch Run' by the winners of the Asian Cricket Council Western Zone tournament (Under-16 Boys) : Aman Preet Singh (Captain), Zayed Ali Khan and Sidd Mehta, along with the athletes and players who represented the school at the CBSE National Games (Zone Oman) set the tone and the mood of the event. As the honourable Chief Guest declared the meet open, it was a sight to behold as colourful balloons and white doves soared into the blue sky, symbolizing the spirit of freedom and joy. The spectators heartily applauded the marching contingents of the four Houses in their impressive turn-out as they marched with elan giving salute to the Chief Guest. At the rear was ISWK School Band playing a lilting marching tune.



In many a drill display, students of classes 6-8 carried out calisthenic exercises as well as executed seemingly effortless advanced yogic postures. Young athletes running 100-meter sprints and 4x100 meters relay races were a model of speed and stamina. However, due to sudden showers and a driving rain, the events had to be called off. The prize distribution ceremony could not be Consummated and was postponed until a later date.



ISWK EXCELS IN CBSE OMAN CLUSTERS

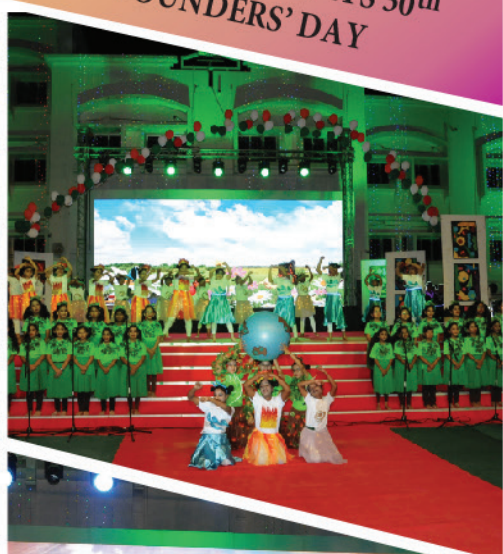


ISWK EXCELS IN CBSE OMAN CLUSTERS





ISWK CELEBRATES ITS 30th FOUNDERS' DAY



Indian School Wadi Kabir held its 30th Founders' Day on the Primary Wing premises. Mrs. Siddiqa Abdul Majeed Al Lawatiya, Director, International Schools Office, Ministry of Education was the Chief Guest. Sheikh Kanksi Khimji, Mr. Anil Khimji-Patrons of the school; Mr. Kiran Asher, CEO Al Ansari Group of Companies; Mr. Rajendra Ved, executive director ISWK and ISWK I; Mr. Alkesh Joshi, honorary president of SMC; esteemed members of the Ministry of Education ; distinguished members of the Indian Merchant Community; members of the School Managing Committee of ISWK and ISWK i; special invitees and parents graced the occasion.

National Anthems of both nations Oman and India heralded the beginning of an eventful evening. In his address to the gathering, Mr. Alkesh Joshi, Honorary President of the School Managing Committee, expressed the solemn desire of the management to extend school education to all expatriate Indians in Oman. The principal, Mr. D. N. Rao, presented the Annual Report highlighting the achievements of the school in academics, sports as well as extra-curricular activities during the current academic session. He described the growth of the school and the students as analogous to the metamorphosis of a caterpillar to a resplendent butterfly ! Then the Chief Guest felicitated the school staff on their completion of service for a period of 10,15,20,25 and 30 years. Awards were also presented to meritorious students. Kenvin Thomas, received a prize for standing second in Oman in Class XII Commerce stream of All India Senior Secondary Certificate Examination of CBSE. Students scoring cent percent marks in Accountancy(1), Informatics Practices(2) in AISSCE examination; and others who scored likewise in Mathematics(3), Social Science (12) in the AISSE examination also received awards from the Chief Guest for their remarkable achievement. Students scoring cent percent marks in SAT examination were also felicitated. In addition, the 'Special Achiever' award was also given to cricketers representing the Oman National Cricket Team (Boys); Winner of Oman Gavel Championship of Public Speaking; Winners of the 'Indian Schools Quiz' (Juniors). The Cock House trophy for the session 2019 -2020 went to Vivekananda House.





As part of the variety programme, 'Our Trip to the Island of Dreams' by the tiny tots of kindergarten; 'Tell Me Why' Primary school (Morning Shift); 'Spread Green and Save Blue' by (Afternoon Shift) and 'Fantastic Reality' by senior section of ISWK showcased dazzling performances of the dancers and singers that mesmerized the audience. The theme highlighted the need to maintain the tough balance between fantasy and reality in our lives. The presentations drew tremendous applause as the students justly portrayed the importance of dreams alongside a strong determination to deal with the harsh realities of life. Melodious compositions 'Save the World'

The Western Music choir along with 'Aam ke Aam' & 'Agar Koi Kar Sakta Hai' (Hindustani Music Choir) presented by the choirs of the Primary and Senior schools respectively, enthralled the audience with their soulful singing. The Senior School orchestra presented a symphony 'Canon in D' (Western Music Choir) by Johann Pachelbel. The evening came to a close and the audience dispersed with the realisation beautifully summed up by Lloyd Alexander "Fantasy is hardly an escape from reality, it is a way of understanding it." The vibrant and entertaining programme came to a close with the delivery of the vote of thanks by the student comperes.





ISWK BIDS FAREWELL TO GRADUATING BATCH OF 2019-2020



The history of gavel clubs in ISWK starts from 2014. We chartered two gavel clubs in the year. By 2020, ISWK harbours six gavel clubs having 210 students reaping the benefit of Toastmaster International's systematic programmes. We aim to produce better communicators and leaders through communication and leadership programmes of gavel clubs. In order to help conducting these gavel clubs, we chartered ISWK Toastmasters in 2016. Last year ISWK gavel club created history by winning the title of 'The Best Speaker' in Oman Gavel club Championship of Public Speaking.

Parents, teachers and the school management bid a touching farewell to Class XII students due to appear in the forthcoming CBSE Board examination as the current academic year draws to a close.

Mr. Vishal Goenka, Chief Financial Officer of the Renaissance Services S.A.O.G., Sultanate of Oman was the Chief Guest. Also present on this solemn occasion were Sh. Anil Khimji and Mr. Kiran Asher of the Educational Cell; Mrs. Jayashree Asher and Mrs. Rashmi Patankar; honorary President of the School Managing Committee, Mr. Alkesh Joshi; esteemed members of the Hindu Mahajan Association; esteemed members of SMC's of ISWK & ISWK i ; special invitees and parents of the graduating students.



The Chief Guest was welcomed by student representatives with offerings of a potted sapling. The programme started with a solemn prayer 'Shakti Doh Parmatma' sung by the school choir. In his address to the students, Mr Goenka reminded them that they owed much to their parents as well as teachers for being responsible youngsters ready to take on the world. He exhorted them to overcome the challenges lying ahead by working hard.

Honorary President, Mr. Alkesh Joshi quoted liberally from the letter of Mr. Abraham Lincoln to the teacher of his son. He explained to the students that there were many indicators of worldly success but a great measure of success lay in doing one's best in all that one endeavours to do. He wished the outgoing students the very best in their forthcoming exams. Mr. D.N.Rao, Principal, implored the students to be good ambassadors of the school.



Mr. Vishal Goenka, the honorable Chief Guest, was felicitated by Mr. Anil Khimji and Mr. Kiran Asher. The Chief Guest gave away awards and mementos to 237 students of the outgoing batch. Special awards went to four students of exceptional calibre. Muthu Abirami of Science Stream and Smritha Raghuraman of the Commerce stream were declared 'Ideal ISWK Students'. Aaron Anthony Monis of the Science stream, and Janice Amelia of Commerce stream won 'The Achiever of the Year' award.

