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PRINCIPAL Message

Greetings from Finland Oman School, It has been a fun and challenging first term for me as a principal. I feel fortunate to be the Principal of Finland Oman School with such wonderful students, and motivated and dedicated staff members. We have continued to learn through a wide variety of innovative and collaborative methods and activities. There are always so many things going on, and I am sure that at times, it must be challenging to keep up with us. Therefore, we have decided to publish a newsletter three times during the academic year, so you as parents will have a chance to find out what has been going on at our school. We hope you enjoy reading it. Thank you to those of you who answered our two surveys. One of the surveys was about international trips, and we received 100 responses. Of those responses, 92% of parents said that they would like their child to travel abroad. In addition, 38% think the best time for the trip is in the summer, with 31% preferring the spring break. 82% would like the duration of the trip to be for 1 week and only 16 parents prefer two weeks. There were different destinations mentioned for an

international trip, however, Finland received the highest percentage of votes compared to other destinations. As 73% said that Finland would be the preferred destination, we have already started to plan for a trip to Finland with our Grade 11 students. We are excited to have our students experience this, and it has been decided that students in Grade 7 and above will also have the opportunity to travel. You will receive more information about the trip later on. We have also been working on developing our canteen with students and parents. Thank you to all who answered our survey. In total, 62 parents responded, and more than 60% of parents said they were satisfied with the breakfast and lunch that is provided for their child. 40% of parents provided us with suggestions to develop our canteen services, and as a result, we are working in cooperation with the catering company to make improvements. Your child's education and well-being are our top priority. We will continue collaborating with you to make your child's academic year a positive one.

Best Regards,

Helena Ripatti

OUR Mission

Finland Oman School is committed to:

- ◆ Offering learning opportunities to students inside and outside the class rooms.
- ◆ Combating and overcome learning challenges with the guidance and mentoring of specialized Finnish teachers and specialists.
- ◆ Providing a built-for-purpose learning environment that complements and enhances learning.
- ◆ Delivering an outstanding education focused on each student's well-being for a successful future.
- ◆ Enabling our students to discover their learning potential and become independent and lifelong learners.

OUR Vision

- ◆ To sow the seed for curiosity, creativity, and innovation in a nurturing and inspiring learning environment where all students unlock their potential for a better future.

OUR Values

- ◆ Equality
- ◆ Life-long learning
- ◆ Respect
- ◆ Community-minded
- ◆ Balance
- ◆ Responsibility

ENGLISH

Grade 12 students have been practising their informative writing skills.

Here is an example of a magazine article recommending two must visit places in Oman written by our aspiring magazine journalist Anfal from Grade 12.



ETHICS & SOCIAL Studies



Grade 1 and Grade 2 Ethics students practiced their emotional and social skills in our Feelings-unit by making their own Monster Feelings puppets and performing a self-written puppet show about emotions. Throughout the unit, they learned a lot about emotions, non-verbal feelings, mindfulness and empathy towards others.

تتسم الدراسات الاجتماعية بطبيعة خاصة في أنها تربط بين البعدين الزماني والمكاني، كما أنها تتميز عن باقي المواد الدراسية بطبيعة اجتماعية كما هو واضح من مسماتها، كل هذا جعلها بيئة خصبة تساهم بدور أكبر في إعداد جيل من الناشئة ليكونوا أفراداً نابغين في المجتمع الذي يعيشون فيه، وتعرفهم بحقائق التطورات الاجتماعية والاقتصادية والثقافية بالبيئات الحضرية المختلفة داخل مجتمعهم، والمجتمعات الأخرى



ARABIC Islamic



بصمات طلبتنا حاضرة بقوة في أي مكان تغدو الفعاليات والمسابقات الثقافية عنوانًا لتميزهم وتفردهم.

نبارك لطلبتنا (هبة النعماني) من الصف الثامن فوزها في مسابقة "اقرأ للناشئة" للدورة الحادية عشرة للعام ٢٠٢٢ وتكريمها من قبل مركز السلطان قابوس العالي للثقافة والعلوم.

بارك الله لها ولذويها ورفع قدرها علمًا وخلقًا.

عندما يتحول درس بسيط مثل "نسبية الآراء" إلى طرق تعبيرية مختلفة من رسم وعبارات وتمثيل وغيره، تظهر إبداعات طلبة الصف السابع بكل جمال وإبداع



قام قسم التربية الإسلامية، باستخدام تقنية الواقع بعرض درس الهجرة النبوية المباركة، (VR) الافتراضي للصف السادس، وعاش الطلاب لحظات الهجرة المباركة بكل تفاصيلها، بدءًا بالخروج من مكة ليلاً بصحبة أبي بكر الصديق، واختباء الرسول صلى الله عليه وسلم معه في غار ثور، وصولاً إلى المدينة المنورة، واستشعر الطلاب عظيم فضل النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم، وتضحية سيدنا أبي بكر الصديق رضي الله عنه، وتحملهم العناء والتعب للحفاظ على هذا الدين العظيم

ARABIC For Beginners

تفعيل التعلم يحدث في كل مكان وبطرق واستراتيجيات مختلفة، تم استخدام الطباشير للرسم لتنفيذ درس أعضاء جسمي، لغير الناطقين باللغة فأبدع الطلاب في الرسم والتعرف على اسم كل عضو في الجسم دون اللجوء للحفظ وتمكن كل طالب من معرفة و قراءة كل عضو باللغة العربية



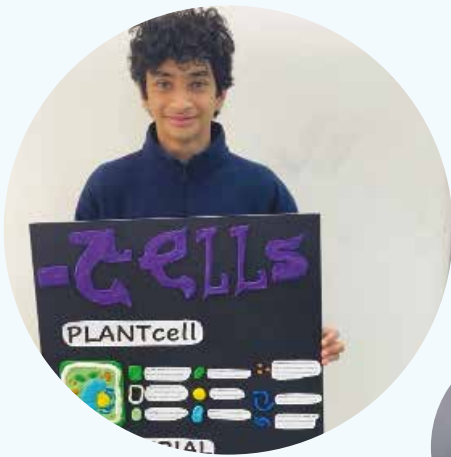
SCIENCE Lab

The excitement of learning
in FOS Science Labs.

FOS science lab is where students discover their passion for knowledge and creativity, whether in Biology, Physics, or Chemistry lessons; students of all ages enjoy experimenting and learning about science with enthusiasm. Our students start using the science lab regularly from grade 5 onwards, and our little talented scientists have joined the Science Club, where they meet once a week to build their scientific skills and make things such as rose perfume, catapult, nebula jar, balloon car, or a blood model. FOS Science labs are well-equipped, ensuring that students have the effective resources they need.



Studying about plants is always interesting, especially if you take a close look at the internal structure of a leaf. Students had a pleasant time while working in groups to build the structure of a leaf. Well done Grade 8! Science presentations and model making provide a platform for students to use their scientific knowledge and their artistic skills to promote their understanding, imagination and creativity. It enhances their speaking skills and self-esteem. In Grade 9, students prepared models of Eukaryotic and Prokaryotic cells and discussed the functions of the organelles inside each type of cells.



MATH

G8 students working on the mathematics project: Famous Mathematicians



The mosaic painting usually draws a large number of small colored pieces on a regular basis so that the whole picture represents landscapes, geometric shapes, human or animal paintings.



ART

We talked about the color circle and what it consists of. We mixed the colors together and then the students drew their own color circle.



MUSIC

Grade 1B students explored the musical rhythm (Ta and titi) using playdough.

Grades 3 and 5 started their musical journey with playing the recorder!

SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS

Students practise number recognition by playing memory game in a small group in a Math lesson.



نقدم بقسم دعم تعلم اللغة العربية مجموعة من الأنشطة الابتكارية المبنية على المنهج، يتعلم لدينا الطالب تعلم نشط باستخدام الإستراتيجيات والوسائل المتنوعة. هدف خدماتنا التعليمية الداعمة هو الرقي بطلبتنا لأعلى المستويات، وتحقيق أفضل النتائج مع المحافظة على جودة المخرجات.. ضمن بيئة تعليمية مجهزة، جاذبة، وراقية.. يداً بيد وجنباً إلى جنب مع كل ولي أمر ومعلم مبحث. نقدم عدة برامج ومنها الدعم العام لتحسين مستوى الطالب بالمهارات النجوية والإملائية ودعم اللغة للإثراء اللغوي وزيادة الحصيلة اللغوية، وبرنامج التأهيل اللغوي التأسيسي وهو منهج متكامل لتحسين المهارات الأكاديمية والنمائية عند الطالب عبر ثلاثة مستويات، ومكتبة إلكترونية شاملة بالإضافة إلى دعم الطلبة أثناء الاختبارات

Co-teaching lesson in secondary: G7 students doing number line activities.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our students have tried many different sports because sport is very important in life as it helps us stay fit and healthy. Willpower is like the muscles of the body, the keener you are to train and exercise them the stronger they become.

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Promoting a healthy lifestyle is one of our core values at FOS. Our students from grade 10 spent an amazing time in preparing those delicious healthy pancakes.

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HOME Economic



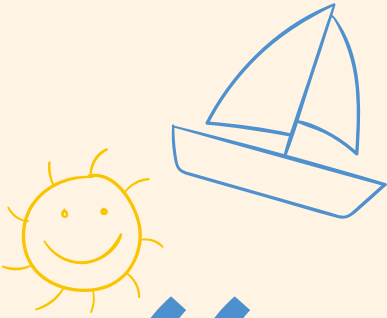
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Students are in constant need to develop their mental and intellectual skills and discover what is around them, and one of the best things that help enhance the student's skills and ability to innovate, improve motor ability and strengthen concentration is the use of clay. We did a workshop on clay and how to make geometric, plant, animal and other shapes in different colors and shapes.

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ART and Craft



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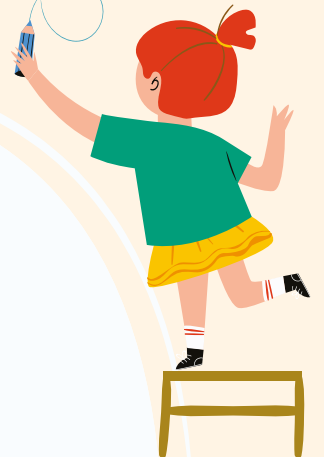


يهدف نادي الألعاب... إلى تقوية روح التعاون والمشاركة الفعالة بين المتسابقين. وتنمية روح المنافسة والعمل الجماعي.. وسرعة البديهة. كما ساعدت الطلبة على تنمية مهارة حل المشكلات. وتقوية مهارة التركيز والسرعة.. بالإضافة إلى المتعة والإثارة

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BOARD Games





Spanish Language Club

The Spanish club is both a linguistic and cultural experience for the students to have an introduction of one of the most spoken languages in the world.



Science Club



SLIME MAKING

In this experiment, the students learned about the science of slime by mixing different liquids. Each student step by step created their own stretchy slime.

ROSE EXTRACT

Students learned the traditional method of making a sweet natural rose scent by using fresh red petals. Each student made his/her own perfume.

BALLOON POWERED CAR

A fun and easy project on kinetic energy. Students built their own balloon-powered cars out of plastic bottles. They tested their cars and enjoyed racing each other.

PYRAMID CATAPULT

Our young engineers built this cool pyramid catapult by using craft sticks and tape. They also tested how far an object could go.

NEBULA IN A JAR

Our scientists love space and the galaxy. They enjoyed making sparkly nebula jars using cotton balls, acrylic colors, and glitter.



Drama Club



The students can benefit from the drama club in many ways. Drama is beneficial, when we want to create an independent personality that can deal with their emotions and feelings in a rational and clear manner, is able to control their emotions and can benefit from their abilities for self-learning. The role of the Drama Club is to give students a space of learning based on role-playing as a learning strategy and lifestyle, from expressing their feelings to role-playing for acting, miming scenes and quoting. All of this is the basis of our drama club that revolves around these pillars.



GO GREEN TEAM

On Monday October 31st, F.O.S. students celebrated the Omani Tree Day. The celebration is considered as an affirmation for the importance of different kinds of trees and the fact that Omanis are closely linked to trees since old ages. Each student had a leaf template on which he/she wrote their thoughts about various topics related to trees such as: how does tree planting help wildlife, what are the names of some trees in Oman, what is the meaning of perennial trees or how trees can save us from global warming. Currently, students are collecting plastic lids bottles for the "Collect and Win" competition. These lids will be used to create a mural of the school logo.



KIVA TEAM

KiVa is a program from the University of Turku in Finland. This academic year we have introduced the program to students and staff to remind them what the purpose of the program is. The team introduced buddy lessons to the whole school and the kids really enjoyed them. Buddy lessons are a monthly thing that will continue throughout the academic year. KiVa FOS Focus challenges in January 2023 will aim to increase students' awareness about bullying.

SCHOOL ON THE MOVE TEAM

Muscat Marathon is now a tradition in our community and at our school. We were truly excited to organize this event for our students and be able to support them throughout the preparation for the big day and cheer them up on the marathon day.





STUDENT COUNCIL TEAM

Hello I'm Tareq the school's president. As you are reading this, I would like to tell you a bit about myself. I am in Grade 7 and I'm 12 years old. I was chosen as a deputy of my class back in October and I also ran for the school presidential election in the early November, and I won! Right now, I am currently working on changes for the school canteen and more.

JOY OF READING TEAM

To encourage students to read for pleasure our Joy of Reading club has issued reading passports. We believe that reading and travelling are almost the same acts as they can provide exposure to new worlds and people.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP TEAM

Entrepreneurship Focus:

The Entrepreneurship Focus is an academic activity that supports entrepreneurial thinking and promotes creative and innovative practices and ideas. It also builds skills such as problem-solving, strategic thinking, risk taking and effective teamwork, to prepare students for the real world. Some of the activities that were covered by the entrepreneurship focus include:

- ◆ Omani Youth Day – a speech given by students during the assembly.
- ◆ Visit to the entrepreneurship event at GUtech. – G12 students went to visit the event held at GUtech where alumni entrepreneurs as well as new startups were presenting their innovative business ideas.
- ◆ INJAZ business competition – The G10s are taking part in the INJAZ competition where they will be competing with other 10th graders across several other schools in Muscat.



EVENTS

Omani National Day

Finland Oman School celebrated Oman National Day with the attendance of the management and the parents.

Finnish Independence Day

The school celebrated the 51st Finnish Independence Day, and the school presented a number of programs.



Breast Cancer Walkathon

The F.O.S students and teachers participated in The Cancer Walkathon in cooperation with Oman Cancer Association in Al Qurum Natural Park.

Finland Oman School won the GHEDEX 2023 Future Skills Awards

Finland Oman School won the GHEDEX 2023 Future Skills Awards at Crowne Plaza Qurum Hotel.

The Majd Group CEO Dr Hussain Al Salmi, received the awards of Future Skills, under the patronage of His Excellency Mr Salem Bin Muslim Al Busaidi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Labor for Human Resources Development.





PICTURE
of the day

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