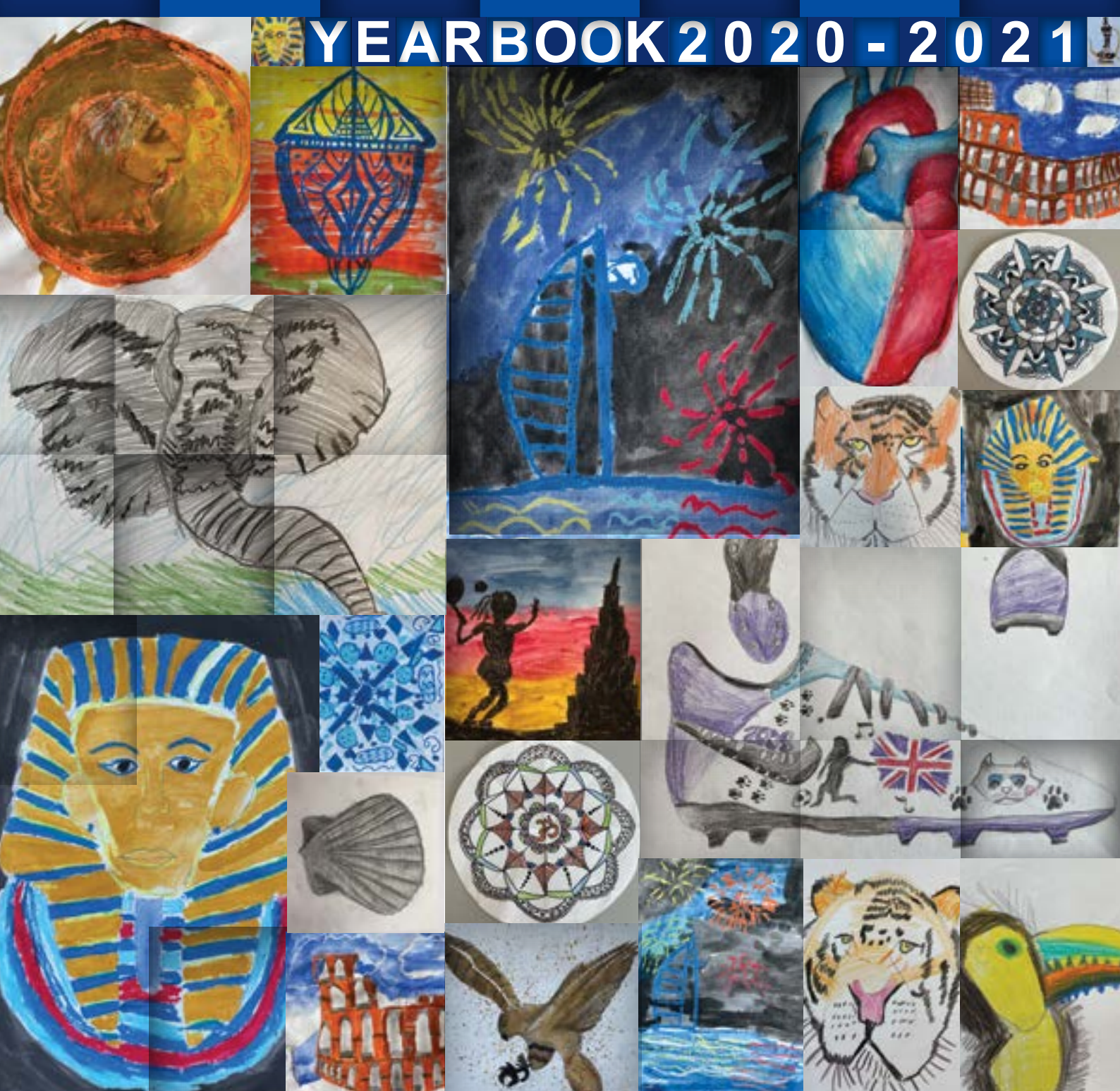




ARCADIA

YEARBOOK 2020 - 2021





CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Students,

What a year it has been! We have re-opened our schools amidst a pandemic, launched a new campus and successfully delivered a hybrid programme to our students to ensure that learning never stops.

Prior to the start of this academic year, we decided to prioritize our students and staff's health and safety above anything else. I am glad that our unprecedented investment in making our school buildings healthier has been rewarding: over 90% of our students have had an in-school experience and at the time of writing this, we have not had a single case of in-person transmission at Arcadia.

I would like to thank you for remaining tight-knit even during a highly restrictive external environment. I am proud that Arcadians have set the benchmark on how a community can thrive in the face of adversity. I am more confident than ever that our future is bright and we will continue to lead the way out of the pandemic.

In gratitude,

Mohan Valrani
Chairman



THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Dear Arcadia Families,

What a remarkable year it has been, with so many twists and turns in the road to keep us all on our toes and at times, on the edge of our seats. I have been overwhelmed by the support that the community has afforded me during my first year as the Executive Principal and fortunate that the already strongly established family base here at Arcadia has been able to provide such encouragement, during what has become one of the most challenging times for us all in modern history. During this academic year, we have opened a new campus, created six micro-schools, adapted to a global pandemic, launched six new mission statements, built a group of wonderful new values, welcomed twenty new educators, adopted a school in Nepal and enrolled over 150 new students. Phew! I think it is time to take a moment to reflect on some of the positive experiences of the year.

One of my most favourite events, which encapsulated true community spirit, collaboration and creativity was the Poetry Slam. The Brainchild of our new Head of Year 4, Mr Cahill, the event saw students across both schools performing works of literature in class teams and individually throughout the day in the auditorium. The judges were captivated by the level of precision and interpretive presentations that were showcased and this will now become a permanent fixture in the school calendar moving forward. This also reflected a commitment to our launch of the Arcadia Dialogic Learning Programme (ADLiP), or more simply; teaching through talk and learning through listening. This programme brings together aspects of Oracy, Harkness learning, public speaking and debate in all curriculum areas to form the backbone of our commitment to literacy. Our Heads of English, Mrs Ahmad and Miss Hickey have been training with Voice 21, a UK learning programme which has now launched international membership, and have been supporting staff with implementation ideas for all ages.

The wellbeing team launched their 'Wellbeing Wednesdays' schedule in September through the lens of the Happiness Calendar. Each month now has a focus theme, such as being mindful, tolerant and respectful and students work on small scale projects and activities linked to these themes. This initiative dovetails neatly with our new Arcadia values which were developed by collaborative teams of teachers, parents and student leaders, and then brought to life by our communications team as Altruism, Respect, Compassion, Aspiration, Determination, Integrity, Adventure. We are excited about bringing these to life in the classrooms and through the learning experiences of every child in the future.

'Tune for Tuesday' helped to kickstart our new Performing Arts programme and we are now hosting regular performances on both campuses every week, despite the challenges of social distancing. This has been mirrored by a rejuvenated Physical Education Team who have been working tirelessly to provide more in-house team activities, coaching programmes and training sessions as safely and responsibly as possible. We are looking forward to the reopening of school fixtures in September 2021, particularly as we welcome three new full-time sports specialists to our already growing team of international competitor teachers.

One of my favourite weekly activities is visiting our EYFS classrooms. Here I can switch off and immerse myself in the magical and mystical world of student play-based learning. 'Are you the big bad wolf?' one expectant 4-year-old asked me, 'as we have been hiding from him today' they gleefully added. This is just one of many classifications I have been bestowed this year, including the red fox, fairy, goblin, Gruffalo, naughty-boy and hungry-hippo.

I was even asked if I was the Principal by one eagle-eyed young lady! The imaginary worlds and storylines are such fun to engage with and made even more exciting by the in-the-moment planning that the EYFS educators have been developing further this year. The teachers in this section and Key Stage 1 should be commended for the way they have navigated the restrictions that the pandemic has brought, to keep the learning as real as possible. We are all excited about the prospect of getting back to normal next year where all our wonderful resources can be used to the maximum.

Finally, I must say a huge well done to all of our staff at Arcadia for how they have supported all of our children by providing full face-to-face learning for the entire year. We have been very fortunate to have not been badly impacted by the pandemic and this has been due in part to significant investment in health and safety, the structuring of the student community and programme and most importantly the behaviours of the students, teachers and families. We couldn't have made this year as successful as it has been without all of you and we are sincerely grateful.

We look forward to making 2021-22 even better as we navigate our way back to the old normal.

With kindest wishes to all,

Giles Pruett B.Ed. (Hons) M.A.Ed.
Executive Principal



HEAD OF PRIMARY

Dear Arcadia Family,

It is a privilege to be writing to you all as Head of Primary following the completion of a unique year that we will never forget. Opening the school during the pandemic was a challenging prospect and something that seemed impossible at the time. Nonetheless, over the course of the weeks leading up to the schools opening date, preparations were finalised and we were ready to open our doors. With entrances in various different places and a requirement for parents to remain on site for no more than ten minutes, we were faced with quite a task to settle new students quickly, navigate students and parents efficiently and provide frequent education to our staff, students and parents. Looking back now, I have been blown away by the resilience and adaptability of the entire community. So, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. We can safely say that together, we made it through a very challenging year!

As a founding member of staff at Arcadia, it has been a joy to be a part of the schools growth. In 2016, we opened our doors to just 70 students with 14 teachers in Foundation Stage 1 - Year 4. At this stage, I was a Year 4 teacher and had just 5 students in my class! It has been a really enjoyable adventure so far with many new lessons learnt - every day is a school day! It really has been a very enjoyable year, even if we have had to wear a mask and learn to smile using our eyes!

Whilst many of our parents might be exhausted from preparing imaginative outfits and sourcing props and finishing touches, I have to mention the dress up days as a favourite feature of this year. October brought with it firstly, a 'Dress as a Robot Day' in Year 1 wherein students came wearing decorated boxes on their heads and walking in a robot like manner. The students thoroughly enjoyed this experience and it really enriched their learning. We also saw Timestable Rockstar competition day! Timestable Rockstar is an iPad App which students are able to use to speed up their recall of times table facts. On the App, they can compete worldwide with other students - they absolutely love it! On this day, students came dressed with headdresses, sunglasses and cardboard creations of guitars, keyboards and microphones. It created such a buzz amongst the students and the live competition that day was lively and full of energy. November brought us National Day and whilst the main event was virtual, the outfits were truly impressive. We saw beautiful dresses and home made outfits amongst the students. This is a special day where the students are immersed in learning about the country in which they live.



Every Morning Comes With Smiles!

February brought us International Day - a truly special celebration where students can celebrate their own nationality and culture. With over 70 nationalities amongst our student body, this day provides an important opportunity for students to learn about one another and appreciate cultural differences across the globe.

As a part of our well-being initiative, February also brought us 'Dress as a Superhero Day'. Students could choose their own superhero and name their special power! Powers were themed specifically around well-being - we had a number of 'kindness superheroes' who were supportive of others. This is one example of how we like to instil our Arcadia values amongst the students. With March, came World Book Day where students came dressed as a book character.

Having printed off a Harry Potter badge and tied a black bag around my neck, I was proudly waving my wand at fellow Potter's during the morning drop off.

I have mentioned a few of my favourite moments this year and I could most definitely go on! I am incredibly proud of how far we have come as a school and in particular how well we have coped, as a community, with the pandemic. We certainly have a student body who we can be incredibly proud of and who have grown from strength to strength this academic year. Our staff team must also be commended here for working in ways that they have never had to work which has added a new dimension to the role of a teacher.

We look forward to welcoming a new academic year for 2021/22.

Thanks always,

Mary Donnelly
BA Primary Education with QTS (Hons)
Head of Primary



Who Has The Better Hermione Granger Outfit?



HEAD OF FOUNDATION STAGE

Foundation Stage children, it has been an honour and a privilege to watch you grow, from the very first day you stepped foot into the classrooms to the confident children you have become. It has been a year like no other, but you have all taken it in your stride and I have enjoyed every single day watching you play and learn. It's true what they say, time flies when you are having fun, and we have had lots! At the beginning of the year, we had world book day, so many wonderful costumes and also International day when you all performed the wonderful dances for all your friends.

One of my fondest memories has to be the 'school trip' around JVT on the school buses, you were all so excited to be leaving school - the best we could do in times of covid! Then the fun you all had washing the buses, some classes even managed a water fight in the playground. It has been a wonderful year and I wish you all the best as you start your new journey in Year One.

Remember,

**“YOU'RE BRAVER THAN YOU BELIEVE,
STRONGER THAN YOU SEEM AND
SMARTER THAN YOU THINK”.**

Winnie-the-pooh by A.A. Milne

Tia Neale
Head Of Foundation Stage



INTERNATIONAL DAY BEST DRESSED WINNERS



INTERNATIONAL DAY BEST DRESSED WINNERS



FS INTERNATIONAL DAY DANCE PERFORMANCE



FS NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



FS WORLD BOOK DAY



FS WINTER PERFORMANCE



FS1 NON SPORTS DAY



FS1 NON SPORTS DAY

FS101



It has been wonderful to watch FS101 grow and develop in their own unique ways.

The children have explored various activities, but I am sure their favourites included visiting the kitchen to mix, measure and make their own pancakes and investigating who pushed Humpty Dumpty off the wall.

It has been a pleasure to play, explore and be curious with FS101 and I wish them all the best in their future.

Ashlee Steward



FS102



It has been an absolute pleasure to teach FS102 and what a fantastic start to their school journey. They have demonstrated great resilience and determination and have taken all new challenges in their stride. They have gained so much confidence in their own abilities and have made some solid friendships.

Some of the things we have enjoyed include making and of course eating pancakes, visiting the secondary school to take part in our very first schools sports day and getting dressed up for our Winter Performance and International Day.

I wish you all the very best as you continue your education journey into FS2.

Tracey Giles



FS103



It has been a pleasure teaching FS103 this year. The class settled incredibly well into their new school and quickly formed friendships. They have made fantastic progress and it has been lovely to watch them learn, develop and grow in confidence in just two terms.

Some of the children's favourite activities this year have included making playdough each week with Ms Anishka, setting up our own 'bike wash' station, playing on the rooftop playground and making their mark using paints, crayons and pencils.

I wish the class the best of luck on the next step of their school journey in FS2. Ms Anishka, Ms Bella and I will miss them!

Nicola Walker



FS104



Our class has had a fantastic couple of terms together. We have a group of vibrant, confident, happy little people who have thoroughly enjoyed learning together. Our highlight of the year was our athletics day which we completed after only three weeks in school! What a fantastic effort the children put in.

Our passions and interests have led us to learn about Dinosaurs, Growth, Sea Creatures and Superheroes.

Donna McAlease



FS201



This year has been an incredible year in Rainbow Fish class. You have learned to read and write and become reflective, independent and confident children.

Throughout the year, we have built relationships with others, made lots of memories, learnt so much, had so many adventures and lots and lots of fun!

In term 1 we went on a local drive around JVT and when we got back, we all worked together to clean the buses. The water fight was so much fun!

During International Week, we learned about Japan and made delicious sushi!

Collecting natural resources on our Nature walk and then eating a picnic in the park.

Your teachers wish you all the best for Year 1! It has been an absolute pleasure teaching you.

Noreen Saeed



FS202



When I returned to Arcadia after the summer break, I didn't know what to expect. At the back of my mind I was wondering how we were going to make this work and then I met the children in Shark class. From day one, I was in awe of the children - their smile each morning, their desire to learn and most importantly, their loving nature. As I look back at all of the wonderful things we've done this year, I know that each child has grown exponentially in more ways than one. I am proud of all of the Shark children and I cannot wait to hear about all of your future accomplishments.

Jennifer Green



FS203



Hooray! We have completed our FS2 Year at Arcadia School and what a memorable experience it has been. We began the year as quiet individuals who were eager yet cautious to explore our new classrooms. Throughout the year, we have built relationships with others, made lots of memories, learnt so much, had so many adventures and lots and lots of fun!

Against all the odds, we have triumphed and had a fantastic year! We can't wait to see what adventures await us next year and we are definitely ready to conquer those too!

From your teachers...

We are so glad we got to be your teachers this year, we don't know where the time has gone but we still remember meeting you on your first day and it has been a pleasure to watch you change and grow into the independent and confident children you are today. As you move to Year 1, remember to keep learning, have fun and always smile.

We are so proud of you all and know you will continue to do your best in Year 1.

Micaela Jenkins



**“GO INTO THE WORLD AND DO WELL.
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY,
GO INTO THE WORLD AND DO GOOD.”**

Minor Myers Jr.

FS204



FS204 has been a fantastic class and will hold a special place with me as my first class at Arcadia. It has been such a pleasure to teach and watch each individual grow and develop in their own way. As the year has progressed, it has been lovely to explore each child's curiosity, interests and ability to challenge themselves. We loved washing the buses back in term 1, exploring and hunting for minibeasts in the community and proudly taking part in international day! We have had a lot of laughter and smiles together. Well done to all of you little superstars and I wish you all the best as you start your journey into Year 1.

Robyn Barnes



FS205



It has been a pleasure teaching FS205 this year. The class very quickly formed a very close group and they love spending their days together. They have made fantastic progress and I am so proud of how much they have learned and how confident they have become. Some of the children's favourite activities this year have included painting, making cards in the writing area, planting seeds and caring for our plants, reading stories and playing number games.

I wish the class the best of luck on the next step of their school journey in Year One. Ms Anishka, Ms Marianne and I will miss them!

Nicola Walker



ALTRUISM



ART & DESIGN

Congratulations to our artists of Arcadia for completing the academic year of 20/21, I am so proud of you all for achieving your very best in art and design lessons despite some of the challenges we have been faced with this year. Having started the school year teaching art lessons in class teachers rooms it proved difficult with the range of materials needed for our projects, but with the help from the whole class we were able to make this happen and still create masterpieces. As restrictions were eased in Dubai we were able to use our primary art room and set up our new secondary specialist art room that you have brought to life with your outstanding artworks. I cannot believe the school year is over already as it has been a pleasure to watch you grow and your artistic ability flourish each and every lesson. Here is a look back at some of the whole school art projects we have taken part in this year.

Laura Hitchings
Head of Art and Design

EVENTS

Mastery Of Art Club



Diwali



Breast Cancer Awareness



Remembrance Day



UAE National Day



Chinese New Year



International Day





LANGUAGES IN FOUNDATION STAGE

**“TELL ME AND I FORGET,
TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER,
INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN”**

Benjamin Franklin

Teaching languages in FS was all about fun activities, we sang, played, made artworks that are related to the topics we completed.

In early years, as in every class, we try linking teaching the language with developing each child's full potential in a fun way.

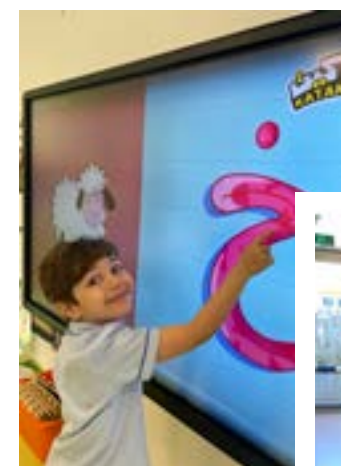
For example, once children have a good understanding of the letters or the concept, we practice the letters in many different ways such as doing letter related art work, finger paint, painting, writing on sand or tracing the letters using playdough, sing and dance to songs related to the lesson as our main focus while teaching Languages in Foundation stage is to provide a stimulating and enjoyable teaching and learning environment.

Rima Al-Tarawneh
Head of Arabic/Languages

**Learning
“Face Parts” In
Spanish And French**



**“I can write my Arabic
letter of the week”**



Learning my Arabic alphabet



**Having fun completing different
activities and artwork while
learning languages**



Arabic week in Foundation Stage





HEAD OF YEAR 1

Aaron Rubra

Head Of Year 1

Wow! What an incredible amount of effort, growth and happiness from the children in such an unusual and challenging year. I have been so proud to see the Year 1 children grown into kind and independent learners who have achieved great success this year - not only in the curriculum but also in their social and personal development.

A particular highlight of the year was the 'Robot Day' which we had to celebrate the maths app 'Numbots'. There were some very creative costumes and the children had a fun-filled day full of maths, robot dances and robot-building. I also really enjoyed watching the festive show. I know how hard the children worked to learn the songs and dances for this and, even though it was slightly strange performing it over Zoom, they really rose to the occasion.

Their dance competition was also fantastic and very entertaining, as was their poetry slam later in the year. What a talented bunch of performers!

Looking ahead to Year 2, I can confidently say that the children are going to be ready and willing for a new challenge and will really make an effort to continue to develop and grow.

I have seen such friendliness and hard work from the whole of the year group, even in the face of this challenging year. This has told me a lot about their ability to face challenges head-on and still keep smiling and working hard. A sincere well done to all of you in Year 1 - you have made me and your teachers very proud. Keep up the good work!

All the best,

Mr. Rubra



Robots Day



Festive Show



Dance Competition And Poetry Slam



Y101



This year will definitely be a year that I will remember and cherish forever! It was my first year in Dubai and our classroom has been my home away from home. The children have made me laugh everyday and it has been a great pleasure to have taught them. They transitioned into year 1 with ease and they have all made a huge amount of progress! They have grown in independence and I am so very proud of how far they have come academically. They are all little scientists and they have impressed Miss Janice and I with their critical thinking during our investigative lessons. As well as teaching them, they have taught us many facts about our solar system.

The children in Y101 have become resilient and motivated to challenge themselves. Being in Y101 meant that they would go first when it came to whole school activities. They may not have come first in the competitions that they've all participated in, but they had to stand up and perform FIRST in front of 80 other children during the Dance Competition and 160 children in the Poetry Slam. That alone shows they have courage and confidence. Y101's highlight of the year was Sports Day. The children absolutely enjoyed themselves and they won so many medals. We're definitely the sporty class in year 1!

Miss Janice and I would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents for their support throughout the year. We're sure every child will continue to blossom and we wish them all the best in their next academic year and for the rest of their time at Arcadia!

Jessica Chohan



Y102



Y102 have been such a fantastic class year that it's going to be hard to say goodbye! They have worked so hard on everything, no matter how challenging, and it has been a great pleasure to see them grow in their independence and resilience. From fluent addition and subtraction to multiplying numbers using arrays, cursive handwriting to writing their own stories independently, Ms. Serene and I have seen such great progress across the curriculum.

I really enjoyed the great costumes from the robot day earlier in the year - I could tell how hard they (and the parents!) had worked on them and how much they enjoyed wearing them. They gave a super performance for their poetry slam, which they practised really carefully in our English lessons and even at home. One of my favourite moments was their science investigation about different types of teeth - it was really great to see the children's ideas for the investigation come to life.

Well done all of you kind, hard-working and creative people in Y102. You have made me very proud to be your teacher and I am certain you are going to be superstars in Year 2 and beyond!

Aaron Rubra



Y103



What a fantastic year it has been for 103! After beginning our journey as distance learners, we have coped amazingly well with our transition from Foundation Stage to Year One. Our favourite topic in Science has been 'Animals' where we used Augmented Reality to make animals come alive in our classrooms. We are particularly proud of our class assembly which we produced for the whole school which showcased what we have learnt about different types of animals.

103 has celebrated many achievements this year. We were the proud winners of the 'Wake Up Shake Up' dance competition between Year 1 and Year 2 and many of us still remember the moves to 'Gangman Style' to this day! We also came 2nd in the 'Poetry Slam competition' for our poem 'Walking At The Zoo'. Some children also won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for our Sports Day races and were incredibly excited to have their photos taken on the winners podium.

Miss Silvia and I have had a wonderful year and made some fantastic memories in 103. Thank you to all the parents for your continuous support- I am incredibly proud of every child in this class and can't wait to hear about all their achievements next year!

All the best,
Catherine Moon



Y104



Year 104 had a wonderful year. We have learned to work in different bubbles and make new friends. We loved our units about explorers and using our senses to learn about the world around us. The children thoroughly enjoyed using their IPADS in innovative ways to access learning and show off their hard work.

I had the privilege of teaching most of these children over the course of two to three years since FS1, but the new children that joined this year crawled deep into my heart and each one of them holds a special place in my heart.

Looking back at all the hard work that was put in by all the children, I must say we had loads of fun while learning. The Science experiments became quite the favorite and seeing those faces when they discovered the outcomes of experiments were priceless.

Thank you for making Ms Rose and my year so unique and special. We are so proud of each and everyone of you for growing into wonderful individuals. Well done Y104!

Keep working hard in Year 2!

Lots of hugs
Irne Potgieter



Y105



Y105 have been such a fantastic class this year. They have worked so hard on everything, even when some of the activities were quite challenging they put their best foot forward and it has been a great pleasure to see them grow. The children always enjoyed costume days and the costumes were always amazing. They gave a super performance for their poetry slam and showed how fit they are during sports day. One of my favourite moments was our tasting experiment in Science. Watching their faces as they experimented on the different new tastes was very heartwarming.

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RESPECT



HEAD OF YEAR 2

Madeleine Storey

Head Of Year 2

What a fantastic year we have had in Year 2! The children in all four classes have been enthusiastic, resilient and hard-working and we have had so many amazing moments throughout the year.

The children have developed academically and personally both in the classroom and in the wide range of other activities that we have done. In Term 1, our year group loved learning about the seven continents and celebrating National Day. They all took part in the 'Wake Up, Shake Up' dance competition with 203 being crowned the winners! In Term 2, a particular highlight was our learning about 'The Great Fire of London'. The children were extremely proud of their newspaper reports and diary entries and Y204 won the KS1 poetry competition. We had a wonderful day with the children dressed as their favourite character on World Book Day. In Term 3, the children enjoyed reading a range of fairytales and learning about castles.

An important part of Year 2 is the chance to hold a position of responsibility. It was wonderful to see how many children applied for the positions of Deputy Head Boy and Girl, School Council and Digital Leaders and we were especially proud of those children who were successful.

The children also began learning two new subjects; Moral Education and Social Studies. Through these two subjects, they developed their understanding of respect, friendship and the history of the UAE.

I am extremely proud of all of the children in Year 2 and look forward to seeing them around the school in September as Year 3s! Well done Year 2.

Miss. Storey



Y201



What an amazing year Y201 have had! All the children have worked exceptionally hard and made so much progress in all their learning. They've not just developed their English, Maths and Science skills, but also become excellent critical thinkers and communicators.

Some of our highlights have been... independently experimenting in science; trying out new sports in ELP; learning how to sew; sports day and so many dress up days! Y201 are now super ready for Year 3!

Amy Kember



Y202



Y202 have had an absolutely fantastic year. The children have worked diligently despite this year looking a little different and myself and Ms Priya are extremely proud of them. We have had so many wonderful moments this year both inside and beyond our classroom. All of the children have made great progress academically while also developing their independence, collaboration and critical thinking skills.

As a class, they really enjoyed the athletics afternoon, World Book Day and the 'wake up, shake up' competition. I look forward to seeing them all thrive as they move into Year 3. Well done, 202!

Madeleine Storey



Y203



We have had a fantastic time in 203 this year! The children have all worked extremely hard, challenging themselves and becoming independent learners. All the children have made great progress and Miss Lea and I could not be prouder of what that they have achieved!

Each day they have come to school determined to try their best in a range of subjects. We have shared lots of exciting times together this year such as athletics day, world book day and the wake up shake up competition...where we were crowned the year 2 winners!

Thank you 203 for a wonderful year! It has been a pleasure being your class teacher and I can't wait to see all the amazing things you accomplish in Year 3!

Emma Wastall



Y204



Year 204 has been a delight to teach! Despite a very challenging year, the children have persisted to display kind and courteous behaviour, teamwork, and overall determination to achieve their potential. We have shared so many memories together and I have enjoyed watching their personalities blossom.

Academically, they all made great progress. We have a very creative class with a wonderful sense of humour and various talents. They have learnt to work collaboratively, independently and enjoy challenging themselves by thinking critically. Some of the things we have really enjoyed as a class are: new sports activities in ELP, becoming experts in computing, inventing new things in enrichment classes, problem solving in maths and exploring our local area.

I look forward to seeing them continue to enjoy their education journey in Year 3. Well done 204!

Suzanne Lorton





HEAD OF YEAR 3

Alice Foley
Head Of Year 3

Year 3 - Class of 2021! What can I say?

What an amazing year at Arcadia. I am so proud of each and every one of you. Transitioning from Key Stage One into Key Stage Two is never easy and it feels like a huge jump; however, you adapted extremely quickly and have shown great progress throughout the year.

In Year 3, you are expected to take a lot more responsibility for yourselves and your learning. At the beginning of the year, you were also given the responsibility of looking after, charging and bringing your iPad to school every day and using it sensibly inside and outside the classroom. In addition, you have also had to adjust to a new school campus, a new classroom, your class being split into bubbles and also wearing a mask for the large majority of the day. Through all of these changes, I have seen you, as a year group, mature, grown and show great determination and resilience! What an achievement!

Even with the restrictions of the pandemic, we have created a lot of memories together - from National Day activities to the Arcadia Poetry Slam to Timestable Rockstar Competitions to our weekly zoom assemblies. You all participated with enthusiasm and enjoyment!

Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication this year. I am sure as you continue your Arcadia journey into Year 4 you will continue to flourish! I wish you all the best of luck for next year.

Miss. Foley



Y301



Y301, I feel truly grateful to have taught such a polite, hardworking and amazing group of children this year. You have all put 100% effort into all areas of school life this year, always strive to complete the next challenge and progress onto the spicy green questions. Some of our favourite lessons were problem solving in Mathematics, investigating through Science experiments and we thoroughly enjoyed reading our core texts 'Dubai's Talking Towers' and 'Escape to Pompeii.'

You have been an absolute delight to teach and, as this is my final year of teaching Year 3, I could not have asked for a more lovely group of students and I will always remember this class fondly. Myself and Miss Kaushi are extremely proud of all your achievements this year and I look forward to seeing you continue your journey in Key Stage Two as you progress into Year 4! Well done Y301!

Alice Foley



Y302



302 have had a fantastic year and have shown resilience with all the changes that have come their way. Our favourite book this year has been "Escape from Pompeii" because we always wanted to know what was coming next - a real page turner! Our favourite topic this year has been "The Romans" because there were some gruesome tales, they made some extremely clever inventions which have helped us today and we loved learning about their army and armour. When asked about their most memorable moments some of our new starts throughout the year said that it was their first day. We also thoroughly enjoyed our ELP classes and squads.

We have had some amazing achievements this year and we are very proud winners of the Year 3 class battle for the Timestable Rockstars competition. We also had children place in the top 3 for the Poetry Slam and Junior MBA competition. Well done 302 for having a wonderful year and going from strength to strength - myself and Miss Saba are very proud of you!

Lucy Grier



Y303



What an amazing Year we have had in Y303! The children have worked so hard and made fantastic progress both academically and personally. All of the children have been so resilient in their approach to a new way of school life.

Some of our highlights have included a range of fantastic outfits for school events such as World Book Day and TTRS Day. We have also had some brilliant sporting achievements in after school squads and during Sports Day. I have been so proud of everyone's confidence during various performances such as the Poetry Slam, National Day dance and the Wake Up Shake up dance to 'Can't stop the feeling'.

Well done to each and every one of you for an exceptional year in Year 3. Continue to keep shining and being the superstars you are!

Emily Murphy



Y304



What a fabulous year in Y304! The children have worked exceptionally hard, made outstanding progress within their learning and we've welcomed many new faces along the way. Some of our highlights have been dressing up as Rock Stars for our TTRS Day, taking part in Dubai 30X30, our success in the Poetry Slam and Year 3 Sports Day, a day I was most proud of everyone's enthusiasm and participation. Every child has adapted and challenged themselves in a new way of learning and as a class we've created memories that will last a lifetime!

Charlotte Corkhill





HEAD OF YEAR 4

Bryan Cahill
Head Of Year 4

What a fantastic year the children have had!

I am incredibly proud of the achievements of the children and the incredible manner in which they have adapted their return to school in such challenging times.

As a new arrival in Dubai, I was unsure as to what to expect. One of the most striking things for me has been witnessing how polite and welcoming the children of Arcadia are. Their behaviour and attitude to learning really is incredible to see.

There have been so many highlights this year that it is impossible to list them all. Arcadia's first Poetry slams saw so many children writing and performing poetry and it was wonderful to be a part of. Learning about some of our home languages on Bilingual Day was fascinating and seeing the effort the children made in preparation for our TT Rockstars day was inspiring.

In addition to the children of Arcadia, I would like to extend my personal thanks to the parents and staff. Your support has made sure that this year has been a massive success, despite the obstacles we all have faced.

Thank you, Arcadians.

Mr. Cahill



Y401



I can not speak highly enough of the students in Y401. They are hard-working, caring, polite and a joy to teach. They had had an incredibly successful year in terms of forming new friendships, reestablishing existing ones and in making outstanding progress in their learning.

The children have adapted with ease to the changes this difficult year has presented. Their use of technology to support their learning has been incredibly impressive. In English, the children have written some incredible pieces of writing that are well-structured and thought-provoking. Their reading skills have improved rapidly and it is great to see the children enjoying such a wide variety of text types. 401 were the winners of the first annual poetry slam, demonstrating their ability to both write and perform poems to a very high standard. Witnessing some of the discussions that have taken place after being engaged in a text or poem has demonstrated to me that the children are very mature and considerate of other people and their surroundings.

In maths, I have been so impressed by the hunger the children have to improve their arithmetic and problem solving skills. The mathematical vocabulary displayed by the children during the lessons has been steadily improving and they are able to use this vocabulary when explaining their answers. Special praise should be given to all of the children for being so welcoming to all of our new Arcadians. Well done for all of your hard work and kindness. Thank you, 401.

Bryan Cahill



Y402



Y402 are an amazing bunch of students. They are kind and caring towards their peers and we have had a very positive year of learning. They have collaborated effectively and challenged themselves in all subjects. The students in Y402 love Maths and they particularly enjoy lessons on Nearpod which allow them to actively engage in each and every lesson. They have even had the opportunity to 'become the teacher' and show off their reasoning and explanation skills to the class - they could put me out of a job they are so good at it!

In English, the children really enjoyed the book 'The Great Kapok Tree' which opened our eyes to dangers to the environment. The children were really passionate about ways in which we can protect the planet. They have also really enjoyed exploring myths and legends, we can now confirm after a long topical debate, leprechauns are not real! The children innovated mythical stories and really impressed me with their imagination and creativity.

As a class, we reflected on our most memorable moments. The students loved dressing up for TTRockstars day and said it was the best day ever! They also remember the day Y402 won the infamous Golden Disc, because they were so proud of their teamwork. They all agreed however, that what they have enjoyed the most about this year, was welcoming the new students and making new friends. Well done Y402 - each and every one of you should be so proud of all the progress you have made this year.

Edel Hickey



Y403



Y403 are a kind and caring group of students. They are always respectful and polite to their peers, and we have had a very positive year of learning. In a difficult year with Covid, they have adapted well to their new learning environment. They have collaborated effectively and challenged themselves in all subjects. The students in 403 particularly love Math and Science! They have actively engaged in the challenging problems and exciting experiments this year. We have had countless volunteers, taking the role of teacher, to share their reasoning and explaining in Math and Science lessons. I think we have a few future teachers in this group! 403 has had many student earn their 'Scientific Method' badges and they are on their way to completing the full collection!

In English, the children really enjoyed the book 'The Great Kapok Tree' which opened our eyes to dangers to the environment. The children were really passionate about ways in which we can protect the planet and save the ecosystems of the rainforest. The students have shown fantastic progress in their writing this year! They loved completing the Myths and Legend story, where they were able to use their imaginations to create their own mythical world! I was blown away by their use of alliteration, similes and adjectives to help create life like settings!

As a class, we reflected on our most memorable moments. The students loved dressing up for TT Rockstars day and said it was the best day ever! The students took particular delight in being the first winner of that TT Rockstars Day- and they were very proud of the Golden Disc they earned. Other notable highlights included 403's outstanding performance of 'Who Let the Dogs Out' which crowned them winners of the 'Wake up Shake up' competition. The students also shone in their rendition of 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough in Arcadia's very first Poetry Slam competition. The students of 403 also showed amazing creativity and innovation with their Junior MBA projects, which set the bar extremely high for the competition next year in Year 5.

Well done Y403 - each and every one of you should be so proud of all the progress and growth you have made this year!

Donal Devenney



COMPASSION



HEAD OF UKS2

Liam Cain
Head Of UKS2

With a real sense of pride, I reflect on the achievements within Upper Key Stage Two this academic year. Having returned to school in August during a global pandemic, Year 5 and 6 adapted without a hitch and hit the ground running. As a result, fantastic progress has been made throughout the cohort. Having had the pleasure of experiencing some of the tremendous lessons our teachers impart, I know the children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning along the way too.

After the summer, returning to school can seem like a daunting prospect for anyone, not to mention with COVID regulations and to an entirely new campus. Despite the challenges in place, Year 5 and 6 rose to the occasion and adapted to the 'new the abnormal' with ease. It is this determination and resilience that I am particularly proud of this cohort for; it will hold them in great stead for any challenges they may face in the future.

The children have not only grown academically but personally too. Miss Ferdousi, Miss Hickey, Miss Brown and I have revelled in seeing the students mature and prepare for secondary school. Upper Key Stage Two have also begun learning an entirely new lesson this academic year, in Learning Skills, teaching them the necessary skills to become lifelong learners. I personally have thoroughly enjoyed seeing each class present their termly projects completed during these lessons.

There have been many highlights throughout the academic year, certainly too many to list them all! However, particularly notable occasions have been the Arcadia Poetry Slam, Times Table Rockstar competition. Seeing the children exuberate flair, passion (and not to mention some friendly competition!) was a joy to behold.

What a brilliant year it has been!

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Mr. Cain



Y501



I feel an immense sense of pride and gratitude at being Y501's class teacher this academic year. They are a hard-working, charismatic and determined group of students whom I am very fond of. Their friendly yet competitive nature during the Arcadia Poetry Slam and Times Table Rockstars competition will stay with me forever. Throughout the year, they regularly demonstrated their commitment and love of learning, particularly during the fantastic pieces of writing they have created and maths problems they have solved.

Y501, I am proud of your achievements this year; it has been a pleasure watching you grow into the mature students you are. I wish you all the best for the final chapter of your primary career and know that, with the same dedication and enthusiasm, you will have a very successful year.

Best wishes!

Liam Cain



Y502



What a year it has been! I have had the pleasure of teaching Y502 this year and it has definitely been one to remember! From their electrifying, winning performance in the Wakeup Shakeup competition, to their Poetry Slam recitation, which they executed with passion and heart, Y502 proved that their energy was one which was unique. A team, which worked brilliantly together, cared and looked out for one another, and found the fun side in everything they did (and always made time for a little laughter along the way!). I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching such vibrant students, who are hardworking, dedicated and excited for their learning, and cherished watching them grow as individuals and learners.

Good luck for Year 6, Y502! I have no doubt that you have another fantastic year ahead of you!

Remember to imagine with all your mind, believe with all your heart and achieve with all your might!

All the best,

Muhsina Ferdousi



Y601



What a fantastic year we've had in 601! The children have worked incredibly hard and made exceptional progress. Some highlights of 601 have to be our TT rockstars day, where 601 dressed as rock stars and applied their skills in timetables to a competition, our Just Dance performance and the Victorian day, where we were introduced to a topic through a full Victorian School day.

Eleanor Hickey



Y602



What an amazing year we've had in 602! The children have been superstars this year and made incredible progress. Some highlights of 602 have to be when we won the Poetry Slam with our incredible Workhouse performance, our Just Dance performance to 'I am giant' and the Victorian School day, where children experienced what it was like to be a Victorian child for the day.

Emma Brown





MUSIC AT ARCADIA

Dear Arcadians,

What an exciting journey into the world of musical art we have made. This year we opened a new building and launched a completely new music department. We have adapted our learning based on the restrictions, and we have adjusted our activities to make sure that students and teachers are safe and are still enjoying the learning journey. Even we adapted our annual festive show and converted it to digital performance. Our staff has learned many new skills: sound, light, filming techniques, compiling videos and sounds. All of this is to make sure that we can have a chance to showcase our student's achievements. This year is very significant in the development of our school. And since the main task is the harmonious development of each student at Arcadia, we are very attentive to our music program's development. We have laid a solid foundation and confidently say that our students receive a high-quality musical education and general socio-cultural and emotional development, which will help their future. We are looking forward to another academic year.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Krupenyna
Music and Performing Arts Lead

OUR PROGRAMS

Tune for Tuesday

Morning music concert is the opportunity for students to develop public performance confidence. They are building a culture of listening and appreciation.



Enrichment Programme Backstage Management

This program aims to develop some knowledge in music technology. Students build partial skills (critical thinking, problem-solving, working under stress, last-minute decision-making) to run the shows (sounds, lights, staging).



ASDAN Choir

Students have weekly sessions to work on the singing skills (breathing, posture, voice quality). Students are building their self-confidence, analysing their feelings, and performing for an audience.



Music Academy

One-to-one session once a week with a specialist teacher allowing students to develop their talents and skills with professional guidelines.



Singing Club

Weekly singing session for Year 5 and 6, where students learn fundamental healthy singing skills. Learning about breathing, posture, and voice quality.



Band and Orchestra

As part of the curriculum, once a week group session with a qualified specialist. Students are building skills like self-discipline, collaboration, problem-solving, analysing, critical thinking.

OUR TEAM



Anna Krupenyna
Pianist, M.A.Ed.
Leader of Music & Performing Arts



Kieran Ballard-Tremer
Woodwind player,
BMus LRSM UTLM
Music Teacher



Jamila Malgapo
Music Department Assistant

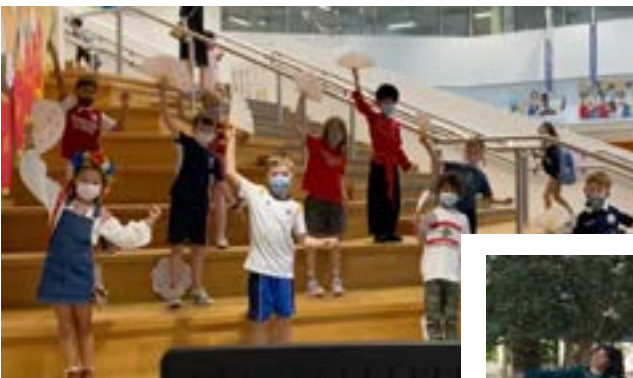
OUR EVENTS

Music Academy Teacher’s concert

National Day



Festive digital concert (Arabic drumming)



International Day

OVERVIEW

FS

Our Foundation Stage students have built their fundamental musical skills like listening and singing together, moving in time, and acting rhythmically.

KS1

This year our KS1 students explored different aspects of music like dynamics, rhythm, and melody. They have learned how to play tuned and untuned instruments and had a basic understanding of musical notation.



KS2

This year our students had a chance to develop their musical skills and learn how to play musical instruments. Year 3 Students developed their listening skills by learning about the Orchestra and imagination by drawing the music. Year 4 improved their musicality by playing on the Ukulele. Year 5 students worked on their performing skills by practicing the scenes from well-known musicals. Year 6 has expanded their musical talents by developing their knowledge of playing the keyboard.



KS3

This year, KS3 students have improved their understanding and appreciation of music by learning about different music and culture genres. Also, our students have developed their social-emotional skills by participating in musical production.



ART HIGHLIGHTS IN PRIMARY SCHOOL

KS1

Well done to our year 1 and 2 students that have shown massive development in their artistic ability this year. They did this by creating artworks linking to class topics on extreme weathers, explorers and toys. In year two we used a range of materials to create masterpieces on animals from the seven continents, the great fire of london and our castles topic.

Below are some photos of our highlights throughout the year.



KS2

In key stage 2 our students have increased their proficiency of drawing, painting and sculpture along with others to create outstanding artworks based on their knowledge from topic lessons. Year 3 studied animals from the stone age as well as sculpting archaeological findings and also drawing findings from the roman era and looking at roman architecture. Year 4 created artworks on the rainforest environment as well as drawing and painting the animals that live there.

We also studied the Ancient Egyptians, painting the pyramids, pharaohs and even sculpting our own messages using hieroglyphics. Year 5 pupils started the year with the topic of the Mayans where we studied each of the Mayan Gods and what they represented, from this they design their own Mayan Godsmasks modelled from cardboard. We then went onto our mountain topic where we sketched and painted some of the highest summits around the world which has brought us on to our recycling topic where we are looking at how we can create sustainable art sculptures. Year 6 pupils started the year creating sketches and paintings of endangered animals.

We then looked at victorian medicine and created characters and props to make animations using the imovie.

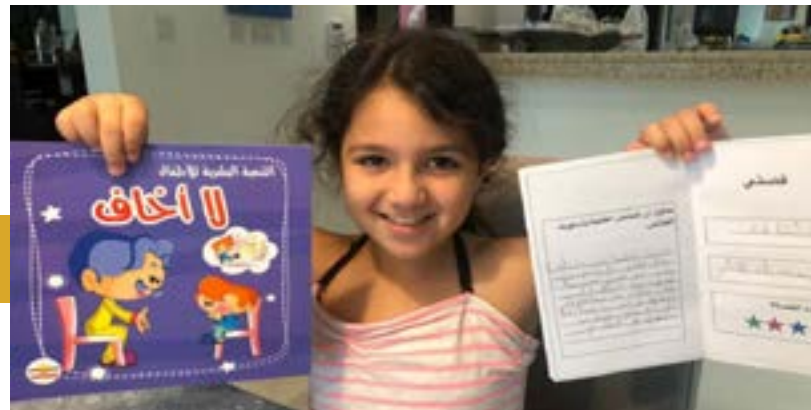


LANGUAGES IN PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a year!! Our children are ready to transition to the next step in their journey. We here at Arcadia want to make sure we provide for each child the most fulfilling and enjoyable learning experience. We focused on teaching the four skills of language linking it with the cultural experience for every language, celebrating different occasions, and linking the cultural aspects in our topics.

Using Technology in our lessons is essential as it helps students bring the world into the classroom. Through the different apps and platforms, students can extend their learning experience even further.

Our pupils have been involved in working in different collaborative language projects, internal and external competitions throughout the year to make learning more enjoyable.



External and internal competitions



Using technology to learn languages from an early age



Arabic Star of the Week



Making posters about different topics
(Describing My Family)



Group Work:
My Favourite Sport



Designing a school and using
Arabic labels



ISLAMIC AT ARCADIA

Dear Arcadians,

Oh, what a wonderful year it was in Islamic, students will be forever in memory. Beautiful and unique personalities. Islamic studies is alive and well in the Arcadia school. Students showcased their excellence during many Islamic events such as the Prophet's birthday, the migration and Ramadan. They have certainly made the best of this year of Arcadia the Holy Qur'an competition. We learned so many things either in Qur'an, hadith and stories of the Prophets, we tested and strengthened friendships, we set goals and achieved them and we practiced new skills. The beginning of the school year 2020-21 was marked by the opening of the secondary school and we have got the new Islamic resources. They also enjoyed studying the biography of the Prophet (PBUH), Islamic values and identity. Their humour and comradery is unique and endearing. Thank you all for this great year!

Mohamed Tharwat
Head of Islamic Studies

**Abdullah displays his work about
the Prophet's Biography**



**Working together on 'Ramadan'
and 'Benefit of Fasting' Posters
are a success**

**Reading Islamic stories
makes us happy**



Performing Dhuhr prayer in congregation



**A Variety Of
Skills On Show**



**The Thinkers,
The Epitome Of Concentration**



**Year 7 Students
Presenting To Their Peers A
Presentation About The Prophet
Muhammad's Birthday**



**The Prophet's Biography
discussion circle**



**The holy Qur'an is my
favourite book**

JUNIOR MBA

Arcadia's renowned Junior MBA programme was led by our Key Stage 2 teachers, supported by our visiting speakers and culminating in our annual business plan competition. The participants enjoyed the project-based learning and 22 finalists presented in front of the senior leadership of the school. The top three students donated their prize winnings to Dubai Cares.



Our Junior MBA speakers during the year shared pearls of wisdom with our students!



Walid Hajj, Founder of Cravia and Chairman of Kitch, spoke about Cloud Kitchens and his new business idea.

He advised our students

"Not to be afraid of failure and to take calculated risks when it comes to business ideas"

Sima Ved, Co-Chairperson of Apparel Group inspired our students on the topic of female empowerment and leading from the front.

She aptly said

"There is no such thing as a girl's sport/job or a boy's sport/job. It is possible for women to succeed in fields which may currently be Male-dominated."



Allan Deutsch of X-box zoomed in from Seattle and spoke about pursuing a career in game development!

He spoke about coding and said,

"It is important to analyse and assess your mistakes when coding, this helps you improve. Your mindset is very important in how you go about finding and fixing a bug."

EVENTS

Wow, what an amazing, fun-filled year we've had! Let's have a look at some of the events at Arcadia this year.

Lunar New Year

Lunar New Year is the beginning of a calendar year whose months are moon cycles, based on the lunar calendar or lunisolar calendar. Lunar New Year is particularly celebrated in East Asia.

All of the children celebrated lunar New Year across the school. The children made dancing dragons, musical instruments, lanterns, and fans! We had a wonderful time listening and dancing to music inspired by the festival!



Diwali

Diwali is known as the festival of lights. One of the most popular festivals of Hinduism, Diwali symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance."

To celebrate Diwali, the children made clay and painted diyas, coloured gorgeous rangoli patterns, and lanterns. What a fantastic way to celebrate this colour festival!



International Day

International Day is an amazing day to celebrate all of our home countries! Arcadia students celebrated by dressing in clothes from their home countries, sampling different food, and visiting some special countries via a virtual fair.



Mothers Day

Mothers Day holds a special place in everyone's hearts. It's a day to celebrate our Mums. This year, the children sang beautiful songs to their Mums and painted pictures of flowers.



National Day

National Day celebrates all of the traditions we have in the UAE. Children performed songs and dances, played games such as 'pin the tail on the camel,' and had henna.

Earth Day

We celebrated Earth Day across the school. The children took part in their French and Spanish classes activities and discussed how they would like to change the world and planted seeds.



World Book Day

For WBD this year, students came dressed as their favourite book characters, as well as participating in our 'Book in a Jar' competition. We had some fantastic entries - some of which are going to be displayed in our Arcadia museum! The entire Secondary team came dressed as characters from Harry Potter...it certainly was spellbinding! Further down the school, the children shared their stories and enjoyed roleplaying in their costumes.

APA

Arcadia's Parents Association was established with the creation of the official name - APA in September 2020. Our passion and commitment to help and support our school was only possible with the help provided by our dedicated parents. A huge thanks to everyone who has helped us to be able to deliver what we have so far and who continue to work hard so we can do more.

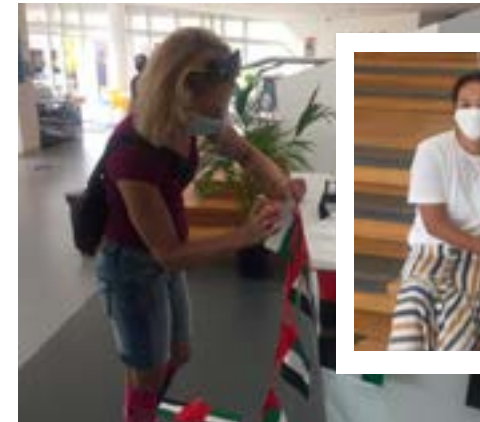
Sheren Abbas - Chairperson



PINKTOBER 2020 - APA first fund raising event/ to Al Jalia foundation



November 2020 - Teachers, parents and students all got involved in support of prostate cancer



National Day 2020 - APA members and volunteers helped in making frames and decorating the school in celebration of National Day

Ramadan Care Program 2019
Another successful initiative by parents during the Month of Ramadan. Care packages were distributed to workers and a Ramadan fridge was organised outside the school



International Day 2019 Parents from all different nationalities created a stall to represent their country

International Day 2021 Decorations



International Women's Day 2021



Display 20/21 - Beautiful creations created by the APA parents involving elements of the Happiness calendar



HEAD OF KS3

Tania Ahmad
Head Of Year KS3

This year has been a particularly exciting and extraordinary year for us all; amidst navigating ourselves in a new building, having our first ever Secondary cohort and team, we also had the challenges of the current pandemic to battle! Our format and logistics of teaching and learning changed, however our passion for lifelong learning, interaction with the students, and spirit for education never dwindled; instead we found ourselves orchestrating creative ways to hone a sense of normality, comfort and peace in our new circumstances, never compromising on the content, delivery or quality of education to our Arcadians.

I am in true awe of all the young people that have unquestioningly and enthusiastically adapted to change, placed their trust in us, and have been the strength for many staff and parents in such unprecedented circumstances. We are so excited and humbled to be able to nurture their passions and facilitate their ambitions and dreams, watching them grow into the people of tomorrow. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful parents of our community - your support and faith in us has been unwavering and a key component as to why we have had such a successful year.

Our year has been filled with an abundance of events, competitions, activities, workshops and fun! The most prominent highlights include: our first ever Poetry Slam; the first Dubai Scholars International Math Olympiad competition with over 70 competitors; Reach Junior, an external mentoring programme dedicated to developing the next generation of leaders; and our Science Week in honour of the 'Arabs to Mars' Space mission!

Mrs. Ahmad

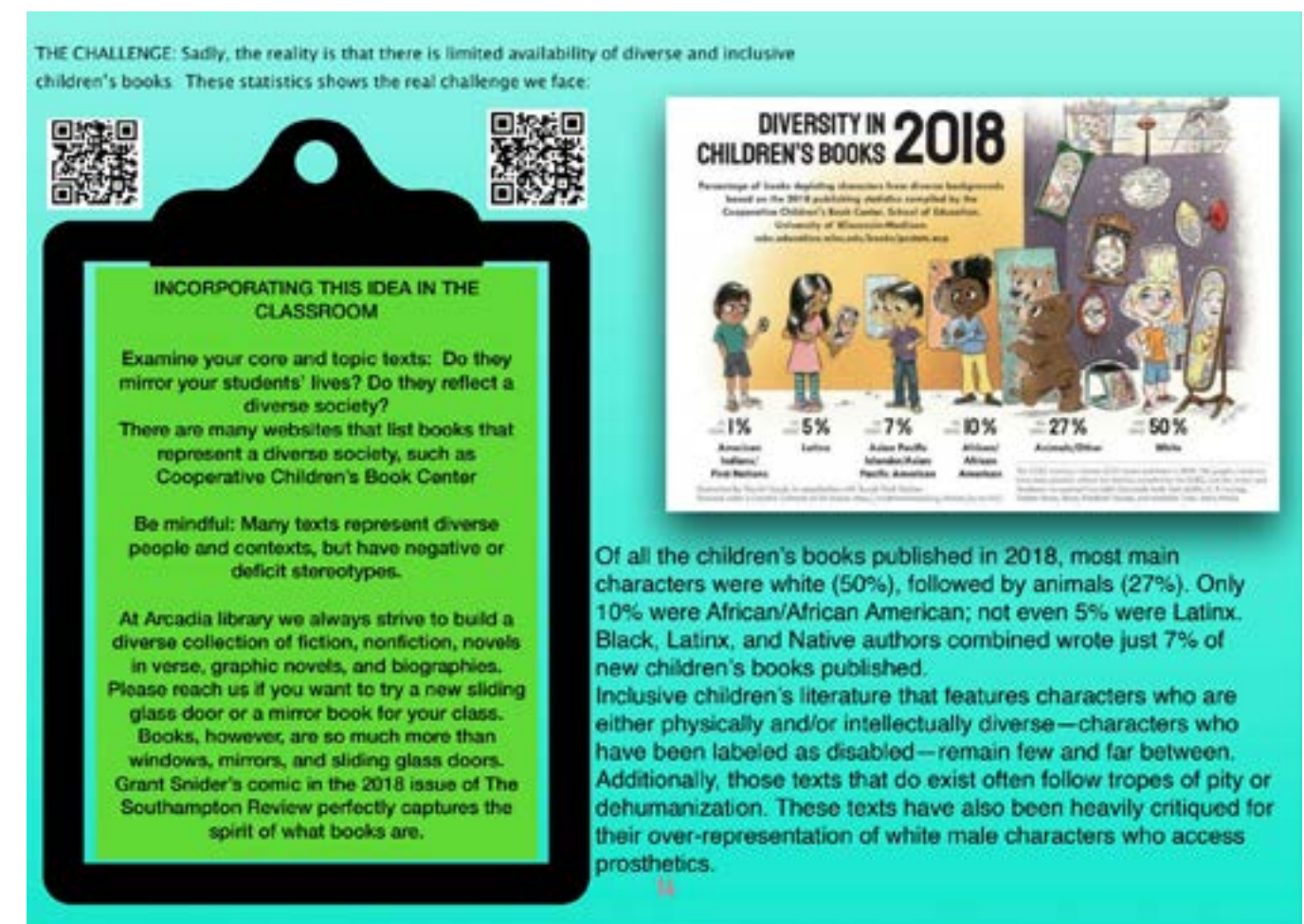


THE ARC

The Arc, our first ever Teaching and Learning digital newsletter, has been a success and a true collaborative effort by members of the Arcadia team, pioneered by Tania Ahmad. The purpose of the newsletter is to showcase all of the wonderful Teaching and Learning that goes on throughout our school across the myriad of subjects and key stages, acting as a brilliant form of CPD. The newsletter allows us to be inspired by other practitioners whilst simultaneously learning pedagogical theories, listening to teaching podcasts, and keeping up to date on key articles in the educational field. We also have a dedicated page to show appreciation to our hardworking teachers - all nominated by the students!

Fun fact: the name 'Arc' was chosen for two reasons. Firstly, it is a truncated title of 'Arcadia' paying tribute to the school; secondly the shape of an Arc is reminiscent of a crescent moon, referencing and respecting the Islamic values of the country we live in.

A huge thank you to the team who have created outstanding content every half term: Jennifer Green, Jessica Chohan, Amy Kember, Liam Cain and Sanam Bozorgi.



Y701



This academic year has been full of excitement, challenges and achievements for 701. All the students have coped really in these unprecedented and unique times. The students have shown resilience, determination and a very high level of wanting to learn and to return to a 'normal school day'. Some of the fantastic highlights that the students have been taking part in have been: poetry slam, engaging with the Reach Mentors and having the opportunity to participate in various activities within school, taking part in the 'Dance off'. What an amazing group of students!

Sara Lowndes



Y702



It has been a unique and exciting year for 702 this year, the students have shown great determination and make exceptional progress in these times, some highlights from the year are 702 competing and winning in the poetry competition, meeting inspirational leaders in reach mentoring, taking part in the schools dance competition and launching rockets during science week.

Enda Greaney

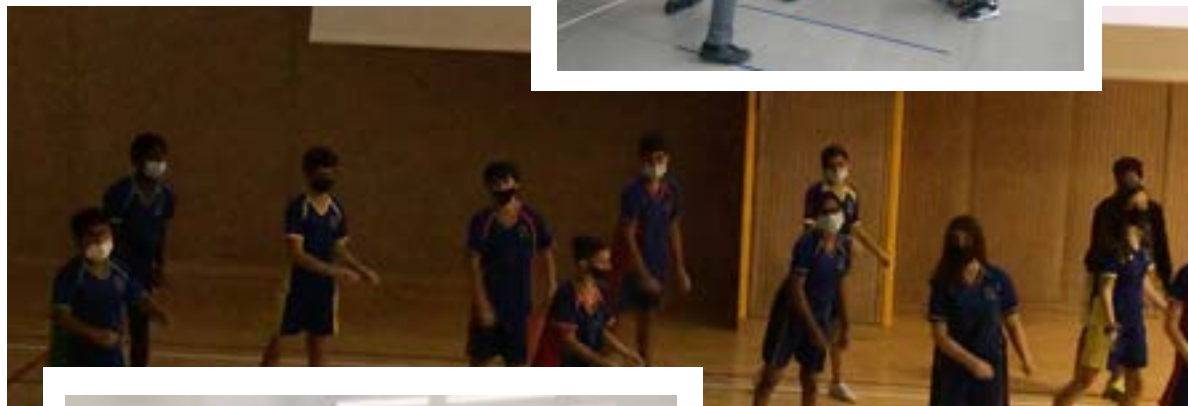


Y801



This very unique academic year has been full of challenges and achievements for 801. Each and every student has coped really well with the unusual circumstances the pandemic has left us in. Some of the fantastic highlights and achievements include taking part in sports day, the poetry slam, learning engineering and robotics in CEL with Lego, participating in Callido and Reach mentoring and many other exciting and character-building activities.

Andrew Lyon

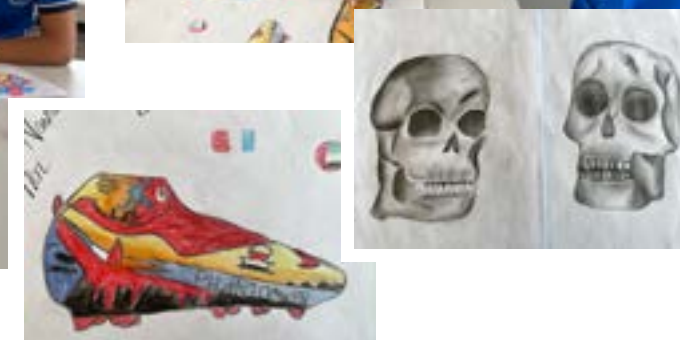
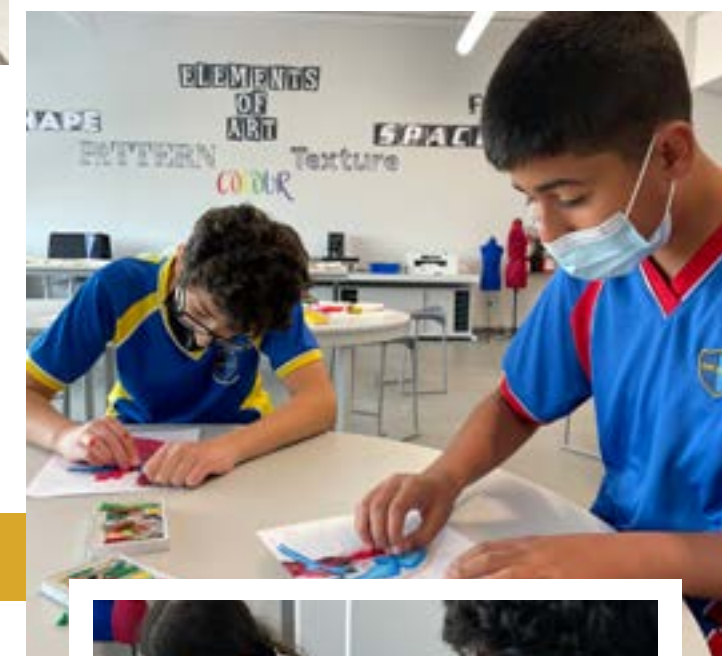
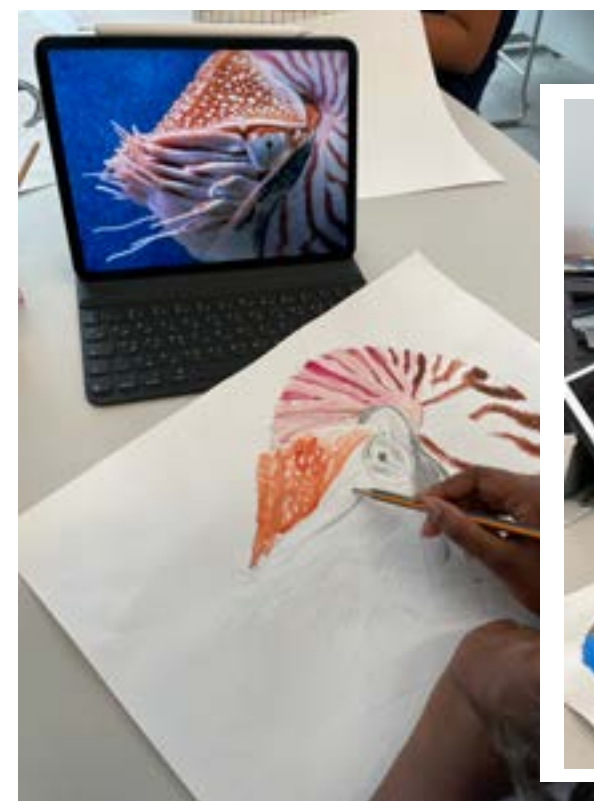


ASPIRATION

ART HIGHLIGHTS IN KS3

Amazing efforts from our year 7 and 8 students who have truly began to show potential for GCSE worthy project work this term. Students in year 7 started the year with the minibeasts project studying insects very closely and creating observations with oil pastel, ink and paint. Using the inspiration from artist Escher we developed our observational studies into tessellations. After the winter break we started a new topic 'shoe are you' drawing designer Tinker Hatfield's air jordans, we then designed our own footwear that showed a pattern of our own identity just like the artist did when designing Michael Jordans shoes. We have also completed our 'blue planet' project where we chose endangered species of the ocean and created posters raising awareness on the effects of pollution on marine life.

In term 1 year 8 students studied futuristic artwork that focussed on movement and blending of colours. These artworks were inspired by the artist Luigi Rossolo an Italian painter. Year 8's also designed their very own textile bag created where they modified bag patterns and added patterns to merchandise at the sugar factory restaurant. After the winter break we started a human anatomy project where we revised body systems from science lessons and created them into artworks.



LANGUAGES IN KS3

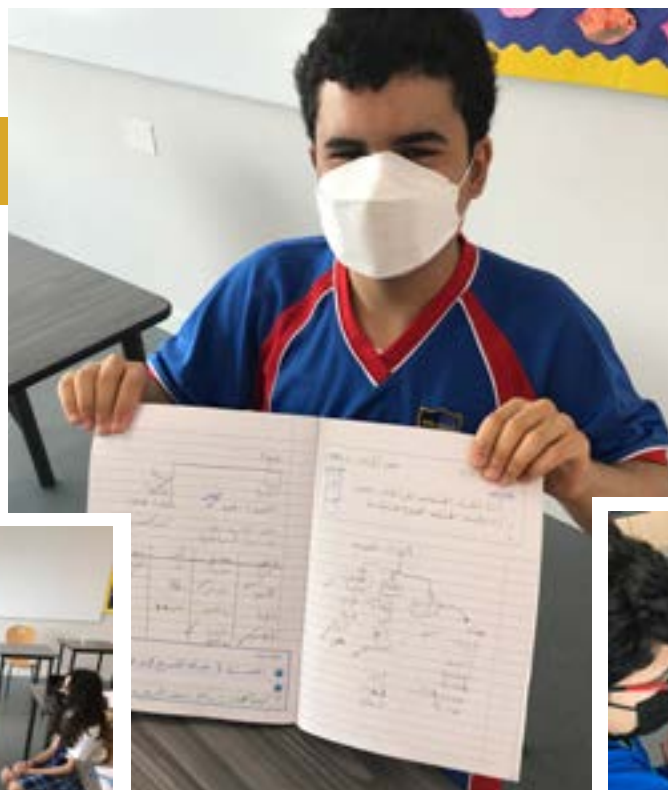
What an incredible year it has been adjusting to the new normal. We all managed to make the best out of it! It has been a busy and fun year of learning new languages, through drama, assemblies, competitions and group projects focusing on the four skills of language using 21st century learning skills.

We try making language learning a part of everyday life. Carrying out simple tasks like changing a Spanish calendar, talking about the weather in French or Arabic, singing happy birthday in Arabic so that subject knowledge is reinforced in a variety of ways, integrated and provide every opportunity to enhance the experience of learners.

**“LEARNING ANOTHER LANGUAGE IS NOT ONLY
LEARNING DIFFERENT WORDS FOR
THE SAME THINGS, BUT LEARNING ANOTHER WAY TO
THINK ABOUT THINGS.”**

Flora Lewis

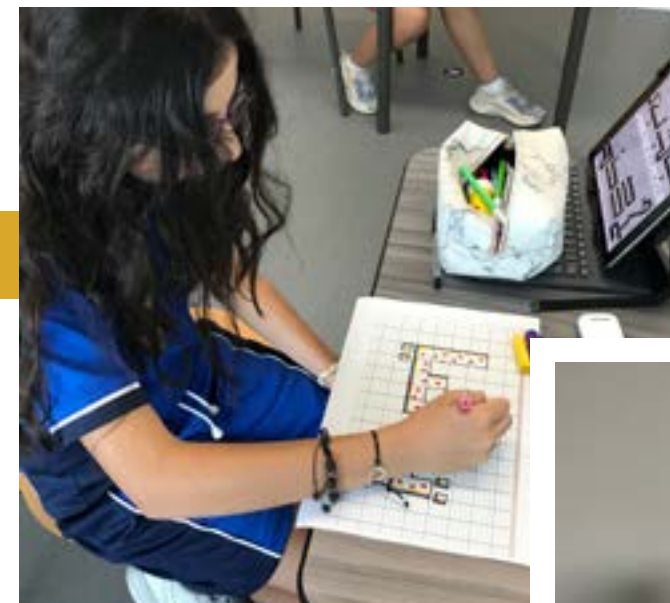
**Using digital
resources in a variety
of ways in the lessons
to enhance learning.**



**Speaking is one of the language skills that
is a focus during the Arabic lessons along
with the other language skills.**



**Many activities include; taking lessons outside the classroom to create different
projects, practicing the speaking skills in the French lessons and conducting
presentations at the end of the topic for their class.**



**Arabic Week activities included writing competitions, calligraphy sessions and
making posters**

CEL PROGRAMME

YEAR 7

During the CEL programme in term 1, the Year 7's have had a range of experiences from understanding how to use entrepreneurial skills to developing a small business idea. Term 2 the students learnt how to create a podcast about Happiness and Wellbeing. In term 3, the students had the opportunity to design and develop their own personal brand through creating their own website that will become a digital portfolio. Students will use this portfolio throughout their CEL experience to showcase work they have undertaken.

Developing the card designs



Working together making bags and ingredient cards for the pet treats



Pricing the items for sale



Working together to develop the items for sale



Making the scrunchies



Painting and decorating the jars



YEAR 8

During the CEL programme this year the Year 8's have had a range of experiences including learning how to code using Code Monkey, engineering and robotics with Lego and understanding how to present a TED style presentation in an engaging way to tell their own digital story.

Enthusiastically starting the lego builds in pairs.



Concentrating on programming the robot to follow a circuit.



Finding the missing pieces to complete their robot build.



Racing the robots and hoping that their hard work has paid off!

INCLUSION THIS YEAR

It has been another fantastic year at Arcadia, with our children, staff and the wider community coming together to overcome the adversity of the pandemic and continue to thrive.

We continue to embrace inclusion and strive towards creating a school environment which welcomes all, adapting to meet the needs of our learners. This year marked many milestones for the department, such as:

- The formalisation of our partnership with Neuropedia Children's center. We now work with therapists and families to provide an array of services and therapies to our children within the school setting.
- The opening of the Aspire Hub, which gives us the opportunity to deliver bespoke intervention and therapy using specialist clinic quality facilities.
- The creation of the Arcadia Creative Avenues Program (ACAP), to offer bespoke pathways and opportunities to our children and their families at each phase of their school life.
- The successful registration of Arcadia School as an ASDAN centre and subsequent launch of ASDAN in KS2 and KS3, allowing us to offer a formal and accredited vocational and life skills curriculum.

Our children of determination continue to exceed our expectations, flourish and grow, while accessing all areas of the curriculum and contributing to school life. They represent the school in teams, the student council and have experienced many successes and awards this year.



A Year 7 student working on his lifeskills at the school cafe.



One of our Year 6 students celebrating her contribution to her class band.

One of our students being inducted into the school council.



One of our FS students in a therapy session, in the new ASPIRE hub.



A group of year 5 children developing their social skills



A group of secondary students working on presentations for SLT in the board room.



The chairman trying out our new OT facilities.



One of our Year 6 students cooking in an ASDAN class.



EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS PROGRAMME

At Arcadia, we have launched a programme designed specifically to identify students who have exceptional potential in some or all areas of the curriculum. Based on both externally and internally tracked data of a student's performance and following a developed criteria, students can be identified as any one or both of the above categories. Upon identification, planning and teaching is adapted, individualised targets are set and students are fast-tracked to additional opportunities which allow students to nourish and extend their exceptional potential.

The programme is broken down into two core categories:

HIGH FLYERS

Academic performance demonstrates a student as 'significantly above' age related expectations.

RISING STARS

Students demonstrate skill and capability which significantly exceeds age related expectation in performance subjects such as Physical Education, Music and Art.

At this stage in the programme, our exceptional learners have been catered for in different ways. In collaboration with a locality network, we were lucky enough to engage in virtual academic competitions where our Year 5 and 6 students were challenged to engage in Mathematics and Reading battles! In the classroom, our 'high flyers' are assessed against Bloom's Taxonomy, a scale of thinking which becomes increasingly complex. Further to this, our 'performance pathway' students have been fast tracked to sports squads, additional opportunities for music performance and art clubs at lunch times.



A Foundation Stage Musician performing violin for a 'Tune for Tuesday' morning.

Our Year 5 and 6 Exceptional Learners ahead of a virtual locality competition.



Our exceptional scientists worked with Ms Amy to prepare for Science Week.

Educating the teaching team on 'Bloom's Taxonomy' to introduce new strategies to support our Exceptional Learners in their day to day teaching.



Our Year 4 sports stars were given the opportunity to partake in a cricket masterclass with an international standard cricket player, Aaron Benjamin.

PRIMARY STUDENT COUNCIL



Lincoln Brooks

Hi, I am Lincoln Brooks and I am the Head Boy of Year 6. In this year, my favorite moments were mostly mathematics, music, and physical education. I feel these left the most impact as they were more enjoyable and memorable. Also, foreign languages were good as I liked learning about different languages.

Some challenges I have faced in this academic year include Junior MBA, writing stories in English as well as working with people with different strengths, and using them to become successful. However, I feel the challenges made me more successful because I had more experience in helping others.

Next year, I hope to learn advanced algebra, make new friends, get working above in every subject, become better at communication, incorporating more of my skills into schoolwork, and helping my school as much as I can. I wish the best of luck to Arcadia next year.



Kimberly Udu

Greetings, My name is Kimberly Udu I am the newly appointed head girl. This year has been very different from previous years such as the changes made because of COVID 19 such as: social distancing, increased hygiene, more frequent visits from the KHDA and the wearing of masks. These were some of the challenges we faced this year.

The best parts of the academic year were getting to work with different people with different strengths and incorporating my skills and strengths which I learned so far. I think those different experiences helped me develop my social, critical, and creative skills. In the next academic year, I look forward to seeing how the school will move forward together to improve skills in students and teachers. From my side, I will try my best to improve the skills inside me along with the values. My main target is to be a good role model, a leader and a humble person to look up to. So, I will try my best to fulfill my targets while adapting to the new challenges. I wish everybody the best for the new school year.



Theo Ali

My name is Theo and I am the Deputy Head Boy. I am in Year 2. Year 2 in Arcadia can be peaceful while smart minds start thinking and people have new ideas. I get pride being the Deputy Head Boy. I have a precious memory of my first meeting with Ms Donnelly. I hope there are lots of things to do in Year 3.



Andrea Maria Aaraj

When I found out that I had been chosen as Deputy Head Girl, I was surprised and shocked. I felt happy because I always wanted to be Deputy Head Girl. I liked when we drew hot air balloons and wrote our goals inside them. I worked hard to achieve these. I also liked when we did our science experiment with eggs to learn how drinks affect our teeth. Next year, I am looking forward to using a 100 cube and learning about three digit numbers.



SECONDARY STUDENT COUNCIL



*Natalie Y702 and Ishaan (Headboy) Y702 were absent

The best of this year!

Reflecting back on this year so far, and there have been many fantastic moments. Despite being somewhat limited due to Covid, Arcadia has still managed to host a lot of events, fun activities and allow us to take part in competitions and in important meetings throughout the terms. Some events that were organized include: National Day, International Day, Bilingual Day, Book Day, Sports Day, Pink Day and Science week and these were all in action in both Primary and Secondary. Some amazing competitions that we partook in were: Poetry Slam; Dance off; Science competition; Art competition; and Sports Day which have all been really enjoyable and allowed us to collaborate with different people across the cohort. As Head Girl and Boy, we have had the incredible opportunity to be a part of Board meetings, where we have put forward our suggestions and proposals on how to maximise the student experience at Arcadia. We are looking forward to next year and hopefully our suggestions will be in action as well.

What challenges have we faced?

Here in Arcadia, we as students have faced a lot of challenges such as COVID, which has been an impact in our school learning and socializing with others, but this didn't stop us from keeping our friendships and keeping our Arcadian spirit. We have also experienced moving to another building, the secondary building, and it made a really big difference as it is bigger and more futuristic and the change of classes has also impacted us as we had to get used to the new setup. We have also had to deal with assessments throughout the year and as we're in secondary, exams eventually get harder which makes it more stressful for us, but this didn't stop us from learning further and improving in our subjects. Lastly, we have new subjects in the secondary curriculum like CEL, Callido and Reach Mentoring sessions to help us with our critical thinking and how we really see the word and know ourselves better.

What we have achieved and what we look forward to next year.

This year the student leadership team has achieved a lot and have come up with lots of new ideas to improve our school such as the Reach mentoring programme. We have looked at the students' aspects of our school and what they want to see in the future. We have presented many of our ideas to the Board and presented this to our fellow students in assemblies. Next year we look forward to completing any ideas that haven't been actioned and come up with lots of new ideas to improve Arcadia.

From **Jimena De Mora** and **Ishaan Usella**



DETERMINATION



SPORTS

In a year of change and great reflection; the Arcadia Value, Integrity, best describes how this year has transpired in the PE and Sports department. Students, families, and staff have come together to drive the Arcadia community forwards, showing a great level of integrity to help and support the delivery of what has been our 'new normal'. We strive to return to unrestricted Physical Education so that the students can take advantage of the amazing first-class facilities we have at Arcadia. Therefore, the PE and Sport Department has introduced the new motto 'Optimum Esse Vos Esse' translating to 'You Can Be The Best'. As a school, we want all Arcadian's to endeavour to think like this as we aspire them to achieve the best that they possibly can.

The PE department has continued to have a busy year growing and laying the foundations to build a strong platform to progress PE and Sport at Arcadia. The department has grown in size welcoming four new members of staff joining the Arcadia team. This has given us the opportunity to invest our efforts on creating a new and bespoke curriculum for our students, as well as providing teacher specislams to take a focus when leading clubs and ELP sessions. The facilities in our department have opened up a plethora of options for delivering high class PE and Sport, with all members of the current PE department successfully passing assessments to allow teaching and accessibility for all ages on our state of the art climbing wall.

Despite covid restrictions, Physical Education at Arcadia has continued to develop with a full enriched curriculum, inclusive of extra-curricular activities. Early morning sessions have been successfully introduced to create elite pathways in swimming. After school clubs have ranged across football, netball, swimming, basketball and athletics.

Back in August, the school launched a very successful Tour De Arcadia competition, engaging students, staff and parents to take part in a whole school cycling challenge. We were very fortunate enough to receive a personal message from the UAE tour team. In November, the department led the school through the Dubai 30x30 challenge, involving student challenges, parent walks, teacher work outs and much more. Throughout the year, our netball team has been competing in external competitions, with Rainbow Magic winning their league resulting in a promotion in leagues.

As a department, we have organised primary and secondary swimming galas for our club swimmers to showcase children's improvements over the year, and we successfully finished Term 2, holding Arcadia Sports Days across each year groups, which proved to be fantastic whole school events.

It is with much sadness we have to announce that Miss Macleod will also be leaving us at the end of this school year to return to her 'wee bonny island' in her native Scotland. Miss Macleod has been a huge asset to the PE department and Arcadia over her 2 years here. She single handedly kept the PE department running during the pandemic and all the time with her usual smile and gusto. I am sure all families will join me in wishing her success for the future wherever it takes her, she will be sorely missed.

As we continue to grow, I very much look forward to the successful delivery and enjoyment of Physical Education and Sport for all students and families at Arcadia. With the return to competitions and tournaments next year, I expect to see so many more positive and engaging experiences for our students and community to take part in and build a strong and successful future.

Liam Hirrel
Head of PE & Sports



Baggins

This year has been a fantastic year for Baggins House. Despite the restrictions in place, they have produced a number of outstanding performances in a range of events across the school. It has been terrific to see the commitment, effort and resilience the students have shown to earn valuable house points across the year in all areas of school life.

This year Baggins house particularly excelled in the swimming gala where they won both swimming gala relay events. An exhilarating race to end each gala and to clinch first place on both occasions!

They also did a tremendous job to come first place at the KS3 Sports Day where they produced some outstanding performance on the day to help clinch first place position. They claimed third place in the overall result for the sports day across the whole school. An afternoon filled with sheer determination and fun.

In the most uncertain and difficult year Arcadia School has faced, all of the students, families and staff that are in Baggins house have done an outstanding job to rise to the many challenges we have faced.

In a year that has been challenging, I have been incredibly impressed with the efforts and attitude of the children in Baggins house. They have shown the same resilience, courage and compassion which our namesake, the great Bilbo Baggins displayed. Despite many of our inter-house competitions being restricted, the children have found other ways in which to contribute, earning house points across the curriculum which have been added to our already impressive total. The sporting talents of our house were on full display during our sports week, with many children earning medals and accolades for their impressive athletic performances.. It has been a great honor to lead this prestigious house as house master this year, I cannot wait to continue working with the Baggins children and families next year as we continue to thrive in the face of adversity.

Mr Paton,
Baggins House Master



HOUSE CAPTAIN
Yana Golubeva



VICE HOUSE CAPTAIN
Lila Ali

**"TEAMWORK MEANS
BAGGINS. KEEP SMILING!"**

Lila Ali, Vice House Captain



Hood

This year has been another fantastic year for our Hood House students. They have worked tremendously hard in all aspects of school life earning house points to add to their total score. They have shown great resilience, commitment and adaptability in what has been a very tricky year.

They have had a number of great events this year such as TT Rockstars, Poetry Slam, Sports Day and a number of swimming galas. There were some brilliant performances across the board from all students in all of these events. The talents of the students are endless and they should be extremely proud of themselves for everything they have achieved this year.

This year has been a tricky year at Arcadia, even more so to take part in house competitions. Nevertheless, I have seen such fantastic effort from all of the students that are a member of Hood House.

I have seen it in classes, where students are showing a fantastic work ethic, earning house points for their creativity and taking so much pride in their learning.

I have been lucky enough to see the amazing effort students put in on Sports Day.

Although we finished 4th, every single Hood House student gave 100% effort and showed some fantastic sportsmanship with their fellow competitors. In the most uncertain and difficult year Arcadia School has faced, all of the students, families and staff that are in Hood House have risen to all the challenges we have been given. I am excited to see if we can once again win the house shield and look forward to many Hood House events next year.

Mr Gayler,
Hood House Master



HOUSE CAPTAIN
Joshua Headon-Smith



VICE HOUSE CAPTAIN
Alicia Selley



Poppins

Poppins House have done an exceptional job this year to work together accumulating house points across the school despite the restrictions they have had in place. House competitions have been tricky this year but Poppins students have worked tremendously hard to earn points individually and as teams. Our brother and sister duo House and Vice-Captains were elected this year to help drive the team spirit for Poppins House. They have done an incredible job working together to share and represent the ideas of their peers to drive the House spirit forward in the future.

Poppins House had many fantastic moments this year but they have one particularly spectacular highlight this year and that was winning the overall Sports Day at Arcadia. It was a very close result but their determination and resilience allowed them to reach new limits and be crowned Sports Day champions! It was a fantastic day with an incredible display of performance and enthusiasm from all our Poppins students!

“ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IF YOU LET IT!”
Mary Poppins

I have been so impressed with the efforts of the children of Poppins house this year. Despite the difficulties the pandemic has presented, I have been fortunate enough to witness some spectacular performances from Poppins house this year at whole-school events. The attitude of children in class has been heart-warming, seeing how they strive to help their housemates achieve their full potential. At our sports days, I saw so many fantastic medal winning performances. More importantly, I saw every member of Poppins working their hardest and supporting their peers. I also witnessed these fantastic efforts at our Poetry Slam and TT Rockstars days, where the support that each Poppins member gave their peers was clear for all to see. I've enjoyed following the results every week, to see how Poppins were doing and I have been so proud to see Poppins always hovering around the top of the table. I look forward to another greatly successful year with Poppins next year. Thank you for all your hard work.

Mr Cahill,
Poppins House Master



HOUSE CAPTAIN
Mahmoud Seddik



VICE HOUSE CAPTAIN
Nouran Seddik



Potter

This year has been a little different for all of our Potter students. They have shown amazing resilience and determination in their quest to earn house points in all areas of school life. There have been some fantastic performances displayed and awards presented to our many students who have achieved so much this year despite the restrictions in place.

Potter House students consistently perform to a high level across many of the school sporting events. They had some strong winners at the two swimming galas hosted this year where many of the swimmers were placed in the top three for a number of the events. The team spirit came together as they placed second place in both relay races in their galas. A really close final which showcased our swimmers amazing talents.

Potter House also performed tremendously well at their school Sports Day. Combining all the year group points together, Potter managed to secure a second place finish in the overall Sports Day result. This was an amazing achievement and it was fantastic to see all our students competing to such a high standard across all year groups in all the events. The students have also been working incredibly hard in the classroom thriving during these difficult times displaying sheer creativity and positivity each and every day.

“WORKING HARD IS IMPORTANT. BUT THERE IS SOMETHING THAT MATTERS EVEN MORE, BELIEVING IN YOURSELF.”

Harry Potter

At the beginning of the year, I was delighted to find out that I had been chosen to represent House Potter, as House Master for Sports. Working in Foundation Stage, I see children who have so much energy and enthusiasm for physical activities every day and so I was very pleased when against the odds we were able to arrange and participate in a fantastic Athletics Morning where all the children had fun and Potter house gave it their best! Before moving to Dubai, I was a dancer for 27 years and I hope that next year I will be able to bring some new and exciting ideas and activities into the Sports department. Although it has been a relatively quiet year this year, next year we hope to be back with force. I have enjoyed working with the House and Vice Captains this year and hope to enjoy all events next year that they have been working on. Let’s bring home that shield Potter House!

Mrs Jenkins,
Potter House Master



HOUSE CAPTAIN
Sienna Shepherd



VICE HOUSE CAPTAIN
Christian Mugumbate

FOOTBALL

This year there have been some fantastic additions to the football squads with lots of competition for places. Years 3-8 have worked hard preparing themselves for the return of fixtures for the next academic year ready to bring success. The footballers have shown great attitude in squads training whilst trying to improve their skills and build confidence, we are very much looking forward to seeing what the future brings for our Arcadia football team squads.

“WHEN THERE IS EFFORT, ATTITUDE AND DESIRE, NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE.”

Lionel Messi



SWIMMING

What an amazing year we have had with our swimming squads this year despite the tough times we have had to face. Our swimmers have worked very hard over the past year to develop and improve their technique and their times. They have shown great determination and commitment to their training schedules and in competitions. We are very much looking forward to seeing what the future holds for our Arcadia swimming squads!

“THE MORE YOU BELIEVE IN YOURSELF,
THE FASTER YOU’RE GOING TO GET.”

Adam Peaty (UK)



ARCADIA SCHOOL 2020-2021
YEAR 3 SWIMMING



ARCADIA SCHOOL 2020-2021
YEAR 4 SWIMMING



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YEAR 5 SWIMMING



ARCADIA SCHOOL 2020-2021
YEAR 6 AND 7 SWIMMING

NETBALL

Rainbow Magic impressed all season winning their Active Netball league, without a defeat!



ARCADIA SCHOOL 2020-2021
RAINBOW MAGIC



ARCADIA SCHOOL 2020-2021
RAINBOW SPARKLE

Rainbow Sparkles improved hugely throughout the season finishing in 3rd place in their league.

BASKETBALL

This year has seen the introduction of basketball squads. Years 3-8 have been developing their skills on the court ready for squads games when we return after the summer. For some it has been about developing their in game skills such as dribbling, passing and shooting, and for others it has been their first time at squads, where they have been given the opportunity to make new friends and develop confidence in their abilities.

It has been wonderful to see such an interest taken in basketball, we have some fantastic players who are keen to progress and understand more about the game. We very much look forward to the return of squads fixtures next year in school.

**“BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF IN ANYTHING YOU DO.
YOU DON’T HAVE TO LIVE ANYONE ELSE’S STORY.”**

Stephen Curry, USA.

SKIING

This year saw the start of the Arcadia Ski Club with 23 students joining the first term. The club now has over 30 skiers involved in lessons at Ski Dubai every Tuesday after school. We have skiers as young as 3 tackling the slopes and mastering their snowplough, to the most advanced who have been perfecting their parallel racing turns.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

- ATHLETICS**
Pedro Gomes
Cecily Gillott
Ahmed Kedira
Layan Harahsheh
Marcus Selley
- Lucas Murphy
Jaein Yun
Ali Elozairy
Lillian Fredric
Paige Fredric
- Haidi Kedira
Alreem Nassar
- Toulai Nassar
Grace Henning
- Youssuf Nassar
Aimee Louise Smith
- Sebastian Joseph Laybourn

- BASKETBALL**
Yoan Assaf
Ethan English
Taehyeon Kang
Ahmed Kidirah
Jordan Shaban
Noah Kashkoush
Adam Ayoub
- Vivienne Schmidt
Thalia Awad
Jude Shaban
Cesar Coronado
Jesse Umolu
Maxwell Mellor
Luiza Serban
- Hasung Han
Keyan Moghbraby
Anderson Madeghe
Reef Shaban
- Woojin Lee
Taeho Kang
Anna Campaniello

- RUGBY**
Michael McMullan
Gabriel Osman
Olivia Lee
Rohan Bobby Vegad
Sophie Smith
Yena Han
Marwan Irani
- Yerin Kang
Taelim Kang
Francesca Neale
Hamza Mohamed
Yoonjee Jeong
Younseo Jeong
- Talal Ersan



EVENTS

Cricket masterclass

As part of Arcadia’s aspirations to develop sporting excellence, we hosted a cricket masterclass with Aaron Benjamin, professional cricket player and U19 team UAE player. Groups of students from years three to six took part in a cricket session and were able to work with Aaron on their batting, bowling and fielding skills.

Aaron shared his experiences with the students on the levels it takes to be a professional cricket player and the difficulties he has faced over the years on his way to playing for the UAE cricket team. We hope to host more days like this in the future where we are able to provide students of Arcadia the opportunity to work with professional athletes and to give them the inspiration to pursue a career in sport.

**“ENJOY THE GAME AND CHASE YOUR DREAMS,
DREAMS DO COME TRUE.”**
Sachin Tendulkar, India.



EVENTS

Sports Day

This year’s Sports Day was a fantastic success thanks to efforts from both students and staff. Although a little different to the usual experience, students across the entire school were able to participate in a wide range of events on their day in both running, throwing and jumping events. Students showed fantastic attitude and resilience throughout their sports day competing against their peers and above all else, enjoyed competing in their events.

Traditional events such as shot putt and long jump were included on the day, all great practice for future DASSA events, and there were some fun and exciting events added for lower school such as water relay and target throwing with all students taking part in the games at every event.

Medals were awarded to those placing in the top three places for each event, but as always with sport at Arcadia, students were able to experience new events they might not have done before, as well as competing for house points that all go towards this year’s house cup. Next year, we hope that we are able to celebrate a whole school sports day together and see the return of spectators to the events, making it our biggest sports day yet. A big congratulations to Poppins for winning the overall sports day standings!

**“IF YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING IN LIFE,
YOU HAVE TO TAKE RISKS.”**

Dipa Karmakar, India.



EVENTS

Arcadia Swimming Galas

We hosted our very first swimming gala at our brand new swimming pool in the secondary campus this year. We were lucky enough to have a second swimming gala in March which was another fantastic opportunity to showcase our swimmers progress.

The children all competed in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke races with lots of children achieving personal bests in some of their races (PB's). We finished off the galas with a fantastic and energetic House Relay which saw a very close battle between our Houses. Congratulations to Baggins House for winning the relays at both events!

Well done to all our swimmers for their continued effort and determination this year. They have worked tirelessly over the last year to develop their strokes and times despite covid conditions and restrictions.

**YOU CAN’T PUT A LIMIT ON ANYTHING. THE MORE YOU DREAM,
THE FARTHER YOU GET.”**

Michael Phelps (USA)

**“A TRUE CHAMPION KNOWS HOW TO OVERCOME DOUBTS AND
MANAGE THOSE DOUBTS AND TURN THEM INTO MOTIVATION.”**

Missy Franklin, USA



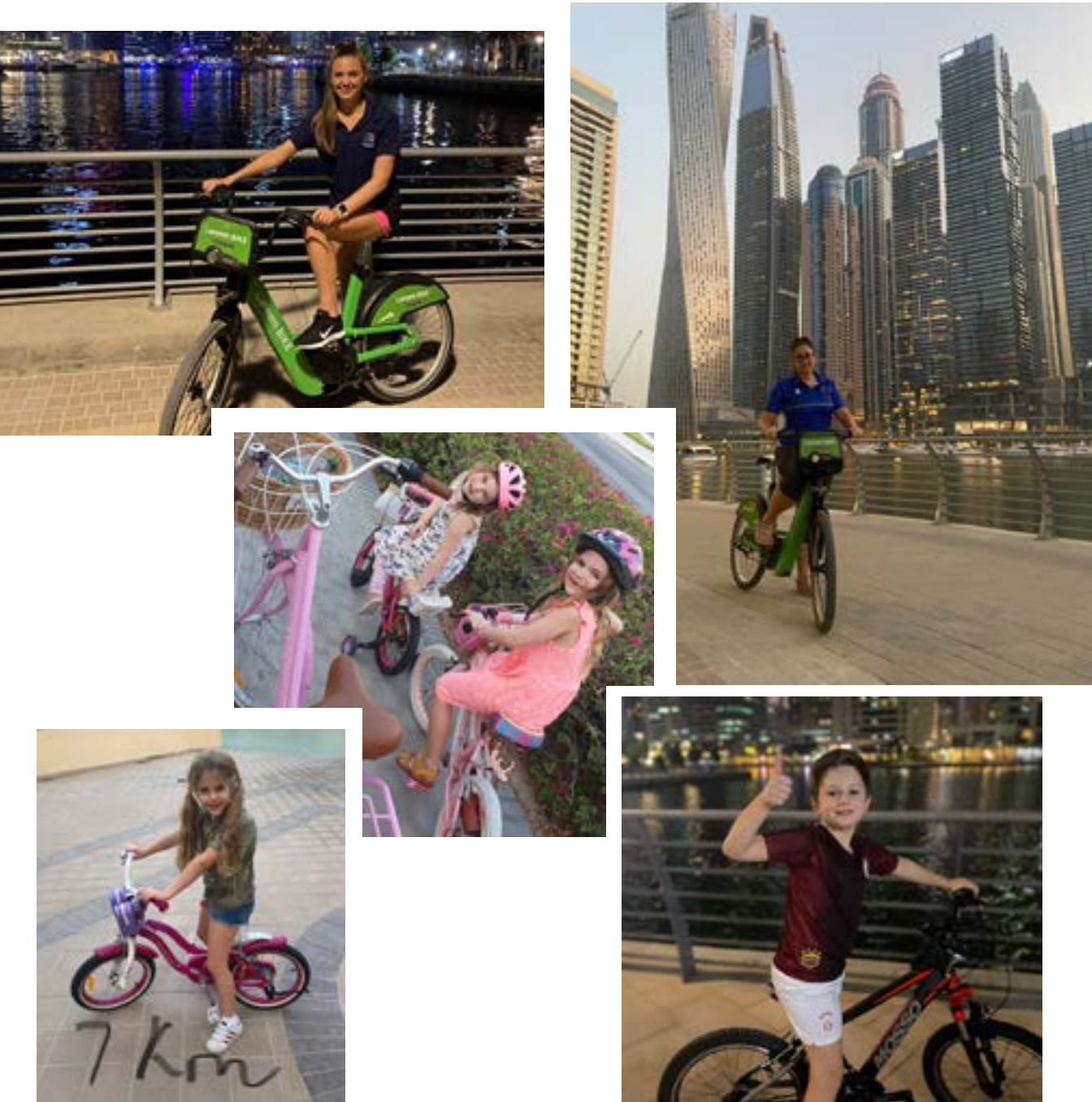
EVENTS

Tour De Arcadia

The month of October saw a new event take place at the school for the first time, Tour De Arcadia. The Arcadia family were challenged to cycle as much distance as they could in support of team UAE and hopefully inspire them to continue cycling in the future. They were tasked with uploading their evidence to school to show them riding their bikes and how far they had cycled.

Tadej Podačar, team UAE cyclist, sent a special video message wishing everyone the best of luck on their journey and how he hoped that such an event would inspire those who participated to further success. All those who took part received a team UAE sponsored t-shirt to show for their efforts and were showcased in assembly at the end of the event.

“IT NEVER GETS EASIER, YOU JUST GET FASTER.”
Greg LeMond, USA



EVENTS

Dubai 30x30

This year’s 30x30 challenge was a little different to how other years have looked, but that did not stop us from taking part in lots of activities throughout the month and developing an understanding of the importance of exercise. Everyday in school, drop everything and exercise was the theme, where students would stop what they were doing and complete one minute of exercise, with a different exercise each day.

Staff were also encouraged to take full part in the event, with a weekly staff climbing club and a morning fitness workout hosted by Miss Macleod, students got the opportunity to compete against other schools by completing one kilometer in as fast a time as possible.

Students were taught the importance of exercise on the body and the benefits it provides us, a selected group of students got the chance to take part in a live stream PE lesson with an international school in Istanbul. We hope that for next year’s 30x30 we as a community will be able to engage in lots of activities outside of school and take part in all of the fantastic events that Dubai 30x30 has to offer.

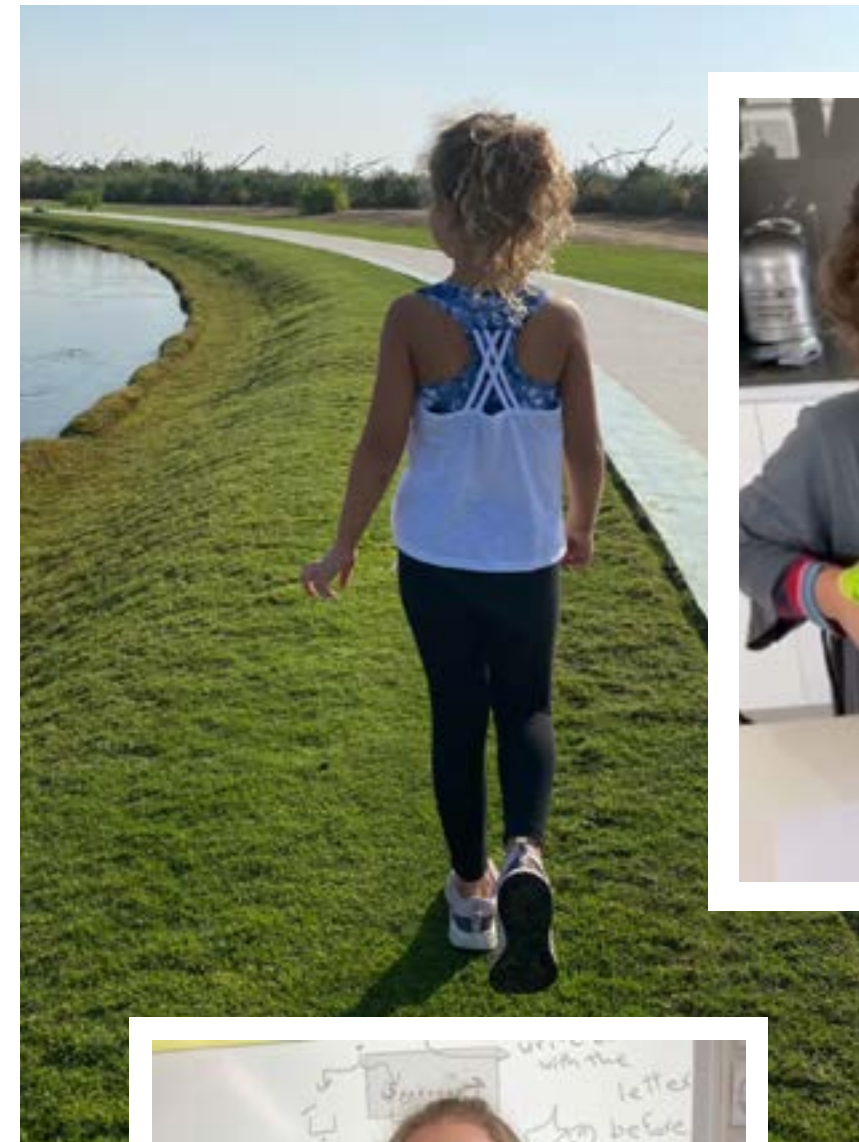
“DON’T DREAM OF WINNING, TRAIN FOR IT”
Mo Farah, UK



JUNIOR DUKE

This year has been an incredibly special year for our Junior Duke students. This was our first year running the Junior Duke Award at Arcadia, with over 300 students from Year 1 - Year 6 taking part. The students have had the opportunity this year to take ownership for their own learning and gain independence through the many challenges they have had to complete. The students have been able to complete a number of different activities ranging from cookery, First Aid, Art, Sport, Languages to Sustainability.

Well done to all our Junior Duke superstars!





THE CEO

Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations on completing a unique academic year! It's been heartwarming to see you come back to school with smiles. With the sadness that comes with the pandemic, there have also been many notable achievements for Arcadia: our new leadership team has excelled beyond expectations, our campuses have been kept safe and our students have enjoyed uninterrupted learning. None of this would have been possible had it not been for our brave parents, teachers and students, who have led from the front.

Thank you for being there for us while we have tried our very best to be there for you. We will never forget your invaluable support during this last academic year. We look forward to welcoming you back next year but should you be moving on, please do remember "once an Arcadian, always an Arcadian."

Best Regards,

Navin Valrani
CEO



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