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A not-for-profit learning community

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"Our Mission"

Inspired by the principles of Islam, the mission of Dhahran Ahliyya Schools is to empower each student to be a compassionate, thinking, lifelong bi-lingual learner, who makes a positive difference locally and globally.

"Our Vision"

Our vision is to provide a world class education with an Arab and Islamic identity through a pioneering learning community that is sustainable and socially responsible.

Our school is supervised by the Ministry of Education and accredited by The Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI)



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The flag of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia will remain poised in the sky as long as we still invest in the minds of our children and plan to focus on them, and as long as this country still believes in their abilities, so the love of the country enlightens their path.

DAS works hard to achieve its mission through embedding some characteristics that will make our students connected, interested, helpful, well-informed, open-minded and balanced citizens. The National Day is an occasion in which our students have the chance to show the previously mentioned characteristics, specially being connected and loyal to their homeland. DAS celebrated this event with our students starting from Monday 25/9/2023 till Thursday 28/9/2023. Our gates and corridors were decorated with the national flags. Coffee, dates and traditional sweets were served by our students. A Saudi traditional corner was also placed at the main entrance that contained a set of tools used in the past, such as mortar and wicker baskets. The entrance was also decorated with drawings that were created by our students to show their love and support for the country. Students throughout all levels have shown feelings of attachment to their country and appreciation to its guardians as well as their support and commitment to the 2030 vision because they're aware of their responsibilities to participate in achieving this vision.

The program of the occasion was prepared and executed by our students who included several activities:

- Honoring Islam and promoting the values of belonging to the homeland
- Highlighting the role of the founder, King Abdul Aziz, and his sons in uniting nation
- Embodying the feelings of generosity and loyalty to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and His Highness the Crown Prince
- Promoting the values of good citizenship
- Appreciating the blessings of security, safety, national cohesion, and appreciate the role of our ancestors in building the nation.



Determining the type of the national day participation according to the themes listed by the Education Office (for activities and events to activate the occasion), for example: (the banner, operetta and folklore, national sports competitions, folk songs and dances that express our love to our homeland, articles or drawings for national projects, (Film material, presentation) on school screens and during class periods.

- Students and teachers participated in the (Lawhat Watan 3) initiative, that was sponsored by the Human Resources Office, to construct the largest digital painting (93), 130 students (Boys & Girls) and have represented DAS in this event.
 - Participation in the education exhibition at the regional level (digital paintings - plastic paintings - works of art - souvenirs)
 - An initiative to celebrate the 93rd Saudi National Day entitled “Our Saudi Day” with families-in-need, at Al-Muhaidib Housing.
 - Participation in the initiative of (messages from future youth dreamers to the Leader of Vision)
 - “Hebr” initiative, written by female students, about the Kingdom’s leaders and their achievements.
 - Saudi Aramco’s interactive initiative to celebrate the 93rd National Day with the intermediate students that was held on Wednesday 9-27
 - Saudi Musical Operetta.
 - A celebration for the Secondary and intermediate levels organized by the STUCO, the celebration included presentations, theatre performance, physical performance, singing the national anthem, digital contests such as Kahoot!
 - A celebration for the elementary school was held on Wednesday 27/9. The celebration included (Our Day Saudi Operetta - a song performed by the 5th grade students, Land of the Future, thoughts and poetry, documentaries.)
 - Showing national films produced by our students (motion graphics).
 - A friendly match and sports games between teachers and students.
 - An interactive programs and competitions for parents and students
 - expressing the feelings of glory and pride through an interactive exhibition that was organized in the school corridors.
- The following link include all the levels’ participations of the National Day.
- The Media department has worked on a number of documentaries that were posted on the schools’ social media platforms to celebrate this special event.

[Celebrational participations of the media team](#)





“Our Day is Saudi” Initiative

Prophet Muhammed (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “The most beloved of people to Allah is the one who brings most benefit to people, and the most beloved of deeds to Allah is making a Muslim happy, or relieving him of hardship, or paying off his debt, or warding off hunger from him.”

In partnership with Al-Muhaidib Housing, Dhahran Ahliyya Schools hosted an event to celebrate the 93rd Saudi National Day with the families in need. The event was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, under the title “Our Day is Saudi”. The event began with a welcome speech from the principal of the intermediate and Secondary levels at our schools, Mrs. Lama Al-Akkas. The celebration also included other activities like (Homeland Mural, “I express my feelings with wishes to fulfil them, and words of love for our country, an expressive painting by Dhahran Ahliyya schools’ students entitled “The Day we Started”, competitions and prizes, a cultural film and gifts & tokens of appreciation to mothers and children, a drawing and colouring corner, face painting, henna drawing, cupcake decorating, and mothers had a chance to paint their hands with henna designs.

This initiative was prepared and planned by the Activities Responsible: Mrs. Samia Al-Dossary, Mrs. Mona Bamasoud, Mrs. Fatima Al-Hussein, Mrs. Sarah Al-Zamil, and Mrs. Nada Al-Khalidi, and the participation of teachers Mrs. Buthaina Al-Tamar, and Mrs. Amira Ziadeh, as well as DAS students who initiated this volunteer opportunity: Layan Abu kabous, Rama Al-Tayeb, Sarah Al-Omair, Mashael Al-Hedithi, Fatima Al-Bassam, Sarah Al-Zamil, Haifa Al-Humaidhi, Dana Al-Sheiha, Shahla Al-Adwan, Madawi Al-Shehri, Rima Al-Jomaih, Aram Al-Saadoun, Dima Al-Dabal, Fatima Al-Hussein, Sarah Al-Jabr, Rania Al-Anqari, Adha Al-Otaibi, Deem Al-Dosari, Alia Al-Ajaji, Rayana Abu Ahmed, Manar Al-Dhafiri, Noura Bin Juma, Dalal Al-Muhaidib, Al-Jawhara Al-thakir, Lyn Al-Otaibi.

Students who participated in the physical performance are (Haifa Laban, Haya Al-Zamil, Munira Al-Dhabib, Tala Al-Otaibi, Deem Al-Aujan, Toulin Al-Shurafa, Diyar Al-Zayer, Dana Abdel Mohsen)

Families and their children extended their thanks and appreciation for this invitation and were grateful to part of the celebrational event to commemorate this dear anniversary.





DAS Students Celebrate Further Achievements at WRO

We proudly announce that our students (Maryam Sadiq and Rima Al-Fraih) achieved second place in the tasks category at the Eastern level, therefore, they are both qualified at the level of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the WRO Robot Championship.

In addition to that, our students (Joud Al-Faraj, Ghalia Al-Shehaib, and Seba Al-Mulla), won third place in the Future Creators category.

We extend our congratulations to our students participating in the competition for their outstanding efforts (Salma Sadiq, Souad Al-Baqawi, Lulu Al-Baadi, Lama Bukhari and Athba Al-Abd Al-Karim). Thanks also are extended to their parents and the efforts of the trainers, Ms. Sarah Al-Shahrani and Hajar Sabri, Ms. Israa Abdel Aziz, under the supervision of Mrs. Samia Al-Dossary.



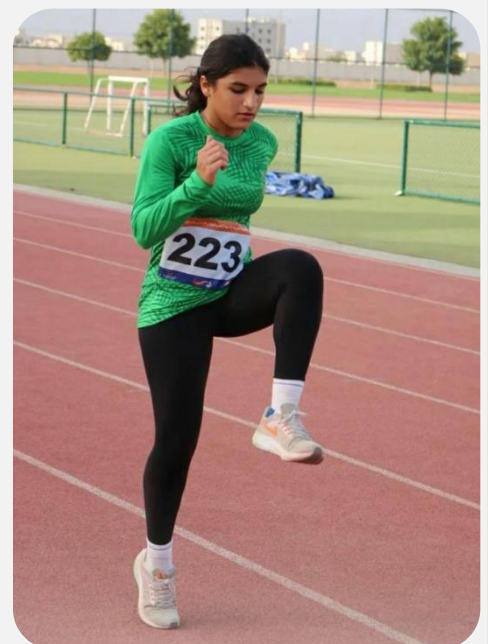
Nour Aljindan Breaks the Record at the 800 m. Junior Championship and wins the 5th place in the ninth Arab Junior Athletics Championship

Our Student Nour Badr Al-Jindan participated in the ninth Arab junior athletics championship with the delegation of the Saudi national team (12 male and female players -10 male players and two female players) and with the participation of 15 countries from the Arab world, which was held in Oman in the city of Salalah.

The heptathlon competition is seven competitions for women held on two consecutive days. On the first day, they start with the high hurdles, followed by the high jump, then the shot put, then the 200-meter run. On the second day, the competition takes place in the long jump, then the javelin throw, then the 800 m run.

Nour broke the record in the 800m competition with a total of 2098 points and won fifth place in the Arab Championship in the heptathlon race.

Congratulations to her and her family on this great success.



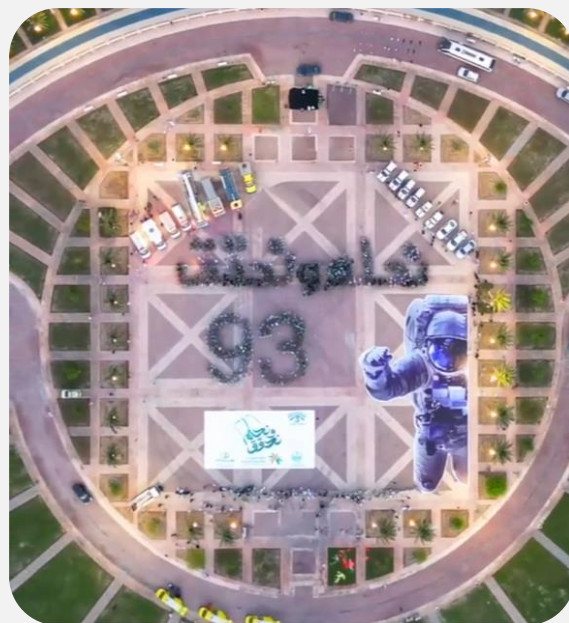


Largest Board with the Saudi 93rd National Day Logo

On the occasion of the 93rd National Day, thousands of participants lined up in the largest human gathering at the Khobar Corniche, to form the National Day slogan, “We Dream and We Achieve 93,” in a celebrational model to celebrate the Saudi National Day, during the event launched by the Khobar Labor Office initiative on the waterfront under the title of the “Lawhat Watan 3” initiative.

Lawhat Watan: A national initiative to form the National Day slogan (93), with a number of people participating. Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Saud bin Naif bin Abdulaziz, Governor of the Eastern Province, and with the participation of 2,000 male and female volunteers, 20 government agencies and 10 other foreign communities. The initiative was held on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at Prince Faisal bin Fahd Park on the waterfront at Al-Khobar Corniche. 130 male and female students from Dhahran Ahliyya Schools participated for the third year in a row, to express their feelings of love, giving, patriotic solidarity, and their responsibility towards their homeland.

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9th Annual Volunteers' Meeting at Dhahran Ahliyya Schools



Prophet Muhammed peace be upon him said: "But whoever does good of his own accord, it is better for him".

On Thursday 14/9/2023, the 9th Annual Volunteer Mothers' Meeting was held at our school to strengthen the partnership between DAS and our students' mothers in order to instil the values of giving and social responsibility in our students' hearts, and to support their development in a way that contributes to achieving the mission and vision of our schools and the 2030 vision.

In the presence of Mrs. Maha Alomair, Mrs. Rola AbuSaqr, Mrs. Lama Alakkas and Mrs. Muntaha Alblwui as well as the Responsible of Activities Mrs. Samiah Aldossary, the meeting was launched to Introduce the activities and fields available to volunteer and how to contribute to achieving our common goals. New opportunities for participation and ways to improve communication between us were also discussed. The meeting agenda included the following topics:

- Why do we learn and organize volunteer work?
- Rights and duties of children.
- Basic agreements (rights and duties).
- What are the programs and activities in Dhahran Ahliyya Schools?
- Introducing the committees.

The directors of the committees/ Mona Bamasoud (Head of the Records Day committee), Zubaidah Abduljawad (Head of the PTA Committee), Kholoud Alfayez (Head of WWOW & The Book Fair committees), introduced the objectives and the history of each committee as the following:

- Supporting Students' Projects Committee: which aims to enhance the culture of responsibility among parents through active participation in events held by schools, including: (Clubs, MYP projects, senior projects, WWOW for boys/girls for the 11th grade students.
- Mothers/Teachers Committee: PTA, which works to support teachers in establishing curricular and extracurricular activities for the elementary school students in the girls' section, and these activities include: (running, spelling bee, resisting bullying, Earth Day, Qur'an competition, Teacher's Day, safety awareness and celebration). Success in the carnival at the end of the academic year.

The Records Day Committee, which aims to:

- Breaking record numbers in many activities and evaluating our students' talents in the extracurricular programs.
- Contributing to the development of education in the Arab world by supporting the publication of educational books on modern education in Arabic.
- Cultural Committee/Book Fair: supervises the activities of the annual book fair, and educate students, parents, and mothers about the importance of reading.
- Mothers Ambassadors – Elementary level:
 1. To be a link between mothers, teachers and the administration regarding issues that relate to the students' learning in general (no specific cases)
 2. Provide suggestions to improve the students' learning.
 3. Organize trips, entertaining activities in collaboration with the other students' mothers.
 4. Activities that enhance the school's goals to improve the results of students in reading and mathematics. It is important to note that the number of female volunteers at DAS has reached 200 main volunteers, and more than 500 supporting volunteers in all occasions, and a large number of them are school graduates. Which confirms and proves the success of schools in achieving their mission of instilling charitable work and social responsibility over the years.



3rd Grade Campaign: Collecting 1000 Water Caps to Provide a Wheelchair

In a heartwarming initiative that showcases the power of collective efforts, the third-grade students at Dhahran Ahliyya Schools have embarked on a wonderful campaign. By collecting 1000 water bottle caps, these young, compassionate minds aim to make a significant difference in someone's life – providing a wheelchair to those in need. This article explores the inspiring journey of these students and the impact their campaign can have on individuals with mobility challenges.

The Birth of an Idea:

It all started when the third grade chose the theme Sharing the Planet.

They learned about the importance of community service and helping others. During a class discussion on recycling and environmental responsibility, the students discovered that plastic bottle caps, often overlooked, can be recycled into useful resources. This sparked their imagination, leading them to brainstorm ways to make a positive impact through such recycling.

Collecting Water Caps:

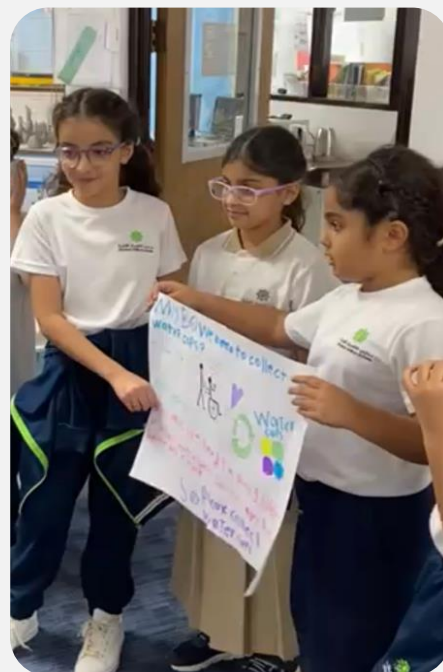
After much deliberation, the students decided to focus their efforts on collecting 1000 water bottle caps as a means to provide a wheelchair for someone in need. They realized that by collecting these seemingly insignificant caps, they could transform them into something meaningful and life changing. With unwavering determination and a strong sense of purpose, the campaign took off.

The Power of Collaboration:

The entire third-grade class united as a team to ensure the success of their campaign. They spread the word to their friends, family, and the wider school community about the importance of collecting bottle caps. They created colorful posters and flyers, explaining their mission and encouraging everyone to contribute. The students also organized collection stations throughout the school, making it convenient for everyone to participate.

Conclusion:

The third-grade campaign at [School Name], aiming to collect 1000 water bottle caps to provide a wheelchair, exemplifies the power of compassion, creativity, and collaboration. These young students have shown that even small acts can have a profound impact on the lives of others. Through their dedication and selflessness, they have not only learned valuable lessons but have also inspired their peers and the wider community to embrace the spirit of giving. Their campaign serves as a shining example of how collective efforts can change lives, one bottle cap at a time.





Saudi National Day Celebrations Showcase Students' Achievements and Ambitions

In honor of the 93rd anniversary of Saudi National Day, the educational office in the eastern province organized a grand event on September 26th, 2023. Held at the headquarters of the educational office in Dammam, the event titled "We Dream & We Achieve" showcased the talents and aspirations of students from various levels and disciplines. One of the highlights of the event was the participation of intermediate and secondary level students from DAS, who showcased their artistic prowess through digital arts techniques. The students presented two captivating paintings under the theme "a thread & a nail" and another one depicting the significant projects of Vision 2030. Mrs. Sabah Fouad Hussien provided guidance and support for these artistic creations. Additionally, design students under the supervision of Mrs. Hajar Sabri and Mrs. Israa Ali displayed their innovative projects such as ceramic paste pins for future visionary projects, wooden medals, and laser-cut displays representing the identity of the National Day, highlighting the theme "we dream and achieve." Notably, students from robotics teams in local schools, including Maryam Sadiq, Ghalia Al-Shuhaib, Souad Al-Baqawi, Athba Al-Abdul Karim, and Lulu Al-Baadi, took the stage to deliver speeches on the significance of robots and the objectives of Vision 2030 in modernizing and developing the Kingdom. They emphasized the importance of transforming Saudi Arabia into a "smart country" capable of meeting digital demands across all sectors, a key goal of Vision 2030. The students also shared their remarkable achievements in representing the Kingdom both nationally and internationally. Among the inspiring stories shared at the event was that of Munira Al-Roumi, who talked about the Astronauts program. This initiative aims to fulfill the Kingdom's ambitions in scientific innovation and space exploration. Munira proudly mentioned that the first Saudi female and male astronauts had recently been sent to the International Space Station, elevating Saudi Arabia's global stature in the field. She also shared her personal experience at Space Camp 2021, held at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, where her team emerged victorious. In closing, the students delivered a resounding slogan: "We are the nation's youth and its future, and we will achieve our ambition." The event truly embodied the spirit of Saudi National Day, showcasing the immense potential and determination of the country's talented young individuals. Their achievements and ambitions reflect the commitment to progress and innovation that Saudi Arabia embraces on its path toward a brighter future.





**5th Graders Won the 2nd Place in the Tamimi
National Contest**

Students in the Fifth grade (C) participated in the national competition for schools, which was organized by Al Tamimi Shopping Center. The competition involved signing a national song entitled (The Land of the Future is Our Goal). DAS students were ranked second place among several participating schools from various regions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Congratulations!



**DAS Student Siba Albakr Won the 1st Place in
Tennis**

Our student in the 2nd grade Sama Ali Abdullah Al Bakr, won the first place within the age category (7-10) in the Tennis tournament that was held on the level of the eastern province.

Congratulations!

**A Thank You Note for the Mothers Ambassadors
Committee Members**

We extend our gratitude and appreciation to the mothers ambassadors for their valuable participations during the National Day under the title "We Dream & We Achieve", your significant support had the big impact in the variety of the activities presented which resulted in bringing joy and pleasure to their students' hearts during this special occasion.



Celebrating the International Teachers' Day

In celebration of World Teachers' Day, Thursday, October 5, 2023, DAS and the PTA collaborated to honour all DAS employees for their great efforts, continuous work. The school's radio was also on air during the school day (with a poem by the poet Ahmed Shawqi, and a song in Arabic and English about the virtue of the teaching. Students also participated with thank you cards distributed among teacher, where they wrote the most beautiful expressions of thanks to all the teachers. social media channels supported the occasion by posting several celebrational video clips.

Thanks to the PTA for their priceless collaboration.



Evacuation Drill

In an effort to maintain students' safety and well-being, an evacuation drill was conducted on Sunday, Sep. 11th, 2021. The students were well-trained theoretically about following instructions about maintaining order to avoid crowding during any evacuation. You are kindly requested to urge students to adhere to the directions given to them to preserve the safety of our school community.

The Cultural Religious Committee

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