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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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Visit of His Excellency the Minister of Education



Dhahran Ahliyya Schools were graced with an esteemed visit from the Minister of Education, Mr. Yousef bin Abdullah Al-Benyan. During this visit, His Excellency was provided with a detailed briefing on our remarkable accomplishments in the realms of education, learning, innovation, professional development, and community service.

The gracious welcome was extended by the school's esteemed founder, Mr. Khalid bin Ali Al-Turki, the President, Dr. Sally Al-Turki, as well as the school leadership, faculty, staff, and students.

Dhahran Ahliyya Schools profoundly values the interest shown by His Excellency in fostering an exchange of experiences, offering guidance, and support to students to encourage their confidence in shaping a promising future.

Furthermore, his emphasis on the significance of diverse reading, respectful interactions, and inclusivity is highly cherished. We extend our utmost gratitude for the commendable efforts made by His Excellency in advancing the cause of education. This visit is not merely a symbolic gesture but a genuine opportunity to strengthen and enhance constructive interaction and educational excellence through the exchange and implementation of best practices.



Thanks, and Appreciation to our partners in Success!

Dhahran Ahliyya School extends its sincere gratitude to the Mothers' Committee to Support Development Programs for their invaluable support towards the programs at DAS. We express our heartfelt appreciation to all contributors who played a significant role in the success of the Records Day Festival this year.

Special thanks to the companies, institutions, individuals, volunteer mothers, school employees, female students, alumni, and members of the Business Office in the Boys' section. The Records Day Festival, held on Saturday, February 3, 2024, saw the participation of 132 female volunteers, including members of record committees, volunteer mothers, 61 school volunteers, 124 female students and graduates, and 71 participants in record-breaking, competitions, and physical performances. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the participating schools in the movement performances and matches, including the Indian Schools, Al Bayan Gardens Schools with their football team, Al Bayan Schools with their basketball team, Al Faisaliah International Schools with their volleyball team, and the Fourth School in Qatif) with a total of 83 participants.

Special recognition is due to Mrs. Lama Al-Akkas and Mrs. Rula Abu Saqr for their exceptional management of the festival. We acknowledge the efforts of Ms. Samia Al-Dossary in the preparation, planning, and coordination of activities.

Adeptly leading the Records' Day Festival, Ms. Mona Bamasoud must be commended. Appreciation is also extended to the Deputies, Mrs. Joud Al-Bassam and Mrs. Hoda Al-Saif, and the dedicated Standard Festival members: Media Committee: Mrs. Laila AL-Saleh, translator Fatimah Alghamdi, and students Aseel Al-Ghamdi, Fatima Al-Mulhim for documenting the festival activities alongside technical support provided by Fawzia Al-Abad and Marwa Al-Balushi. Finance Committee: Mr. Sumaya Al-Jaeithen, Ms. Hadeel Raslan, Nouf Al-Nassar, and Heba Zuhair.

Entertainment Committee: Mrs. Rana Al-Wakeel and Mrs. Abeer Al-Thunayan.

Das Café Committee: Alaa Al-Bassam, Dana Al-Eidi, Reem Al-Rawaf, Sarah Al-Jawhar, Ghadeer Al-Muqbel, Mudhi Al-Tuwaijri, Mashael Al-Abdul Karim, Mai Al-Bassam, Noura Al-Hamdan, Lamia Al-Rubaian, Sahar Al-Basrawi, Rula Al-Wabel, Dima Al-Naim, Mai Al-Thukair, and Madawi Al-Thukair.

Food Committee: Amal Al-Otaibi, Jawaher Al-Otaibi, Laila Badr Al-Saleh, Najat Al-Balushi, and Maryam Al-Omair.

Finance and Reception Committee: Batoul Al-Jalal, Mona Al-Balushi, Najla Al-Muqbel, and Dana Al-Khalifa.

Committee of the Eastern Region's Corner "Beit Al-Nukhadha": Asmahan Al-Hilal.

The Little Merchant Committee: Nada Al-Khalidi and Abeer Al-Muhaini.

Committee for Physical Performance and Training of Female Students: Ms. Amani Abu Al-Ala, Anisha, Heba Bashir, Zunira, and Heather Schutz.

Record-breaking and Sport Matches Committee: Ms. Issam Al-Barazi and Ms. Iman Jabr with sports teachers Basma Nabil, Amani Abu El-Ela, Hawraa, and Sahar Mashal, along with Nada Qamhan and Israa Ali.



Individuals:

Mrs. Nada Akhaldi

Mrs. Abeer Almuahini

Mrs. Kholoud Alsaflan

Mrs. Samah Alqusaibi

Mrs. Lama Altuaijri

Mrs. Hadeel Lami

Mrs. Maha Alnuaimi

Mrs. Danah Almuhaideb

Mrs. Aishah Almulhem

Mrs. Suad Alqusaibi

Mrs. Sarah Alhamad

Mrs. Rana Al-Bubshait

Mrs. Sahar Albasrawi

Mrs. Daniah Saeed

Mrs. Deemah Alyaeesh

Mrs. Nada Alrajhi

Mrs. Fahdah Alhazani

Mrs. Nada Almunajim

Mrs. Anmar Aljalal

Mrs. Shahad Alyahya

Mrs. Dalal Alrahmah

Mrs. Muneerah Alhawas

Mrs. Mashael Albawardi

Mrs. Ghadeer Almeqbil

Mrs. Maha Alwabel

Mrs. Rana Aldossary

Mrs. Muneerah Alsagheer

Mrs. Dalal Albawardi

Mrs. Asmahan Alhilal

Mrs. Dalal Almazrou

Mrs. Nourah Alrabiah

Mrs. Aidah Aldossary

Camping Night Activity

3RD Grade

On Tuesday, 13/2/2024, students in the 3rd grade had a night camping activity in the school's yards where they were joined by their mothers. They enjoyed playing fun, entertaining games such as: tables games, chess, shooting games and many others. We extend our thanks and gratitude to Shaggag Adventures for the outdoors installations & accommodations, as well as the mothers ambassadors Mrs. Bayadir Bawyan, Mrs. Nourah Alrabiah and Mrs. Nourah Alzamil for their valuable participation as well as our teachers for their tireless efforts.





Students who Broke the Records During this Year Festival 2024

Level	Student	Competition	Time/Number
Elementary	Reema Arabi Katbi	Sit and reach	39 cm
Elementary	Lara Arabi Katbi	Curl up	105 times
Secondary	Leena Salah Albraiki	Dead hang	2:14 minutes

Results of the sports' matches and activities on the Records Day In the friendly matches held between our Dhahran Ahliyya Schools and Al Bayan Gardens Schools (football and basketball).

The two teams showed a high-level performance and a remarkable sportsmanship, and the results were as follows:

Football

DAS vs BGS

1 : 0

Basketball

DAS vs BGS

42 : 0

Our school's team emerged victorious over Faislayah School's team in a friendly volleyball match. Both teams showcased excellence in performance and commendable sportsmanship.

DAS v Faisalyeh Int

25 : 19

We extend our appreciation to all the students who participated in football, basketball, and volleyball matches within the DAS teams, exhibiting outstanding sportsmanship and breaking records in their respective fields.

Football Team: Captain/ Maria Alharbi, Deemah Saleh, Reema Aljumaih, Alanoud Alfawzan, Alia Alturki, Maryam Ismael. A special acknowledgment is extended to our alumni, Mdhawi Alaid and Yasmeen Alsaadoun, for their continuous support and collaboration.

Volleyball Team: Captain/ Nourah Alshehri, Nourah Alkhnaifer, Joud Bakhaidar, Yasmeen Alawami, Yasmeen Alkhenaizi, and Toleen Felimban.

Basketball Team: Captain/ Lamar Alibrahim, Ghaliyah Alabdulkarim, Haya Almiqbel, Khadijah Sabban, Latifah Alomran, Alia Alturki, and Maria Alharbi. Furthermore,

we express our gratitude to Teacher Iman Jabr for her exceptional management and organization of the matches and the Records Day's events. Special thanks to the supporting special subjects' team for their involvement in refereeing the events and matches, including Teachers Amani Abu Al-Ala, Hawraa Al-Yousef, Sahar Mishal, Hana Marrar, Israa Abdel-Aziz, and Nada Qamhan.



Artist's Brush Exhibition at DAS

During the Record Day Festival, amidst a setting rich in heritage and art, our students' brushes brought forth a mixture of colours and shapes, adorning our exhibition with magnificent works. The Artist's Brush Exhibition marked its third consecutive edition commencing on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, and running through Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

This event was graciously sponsored by Dr. Sally Al-Turki, alongside the leadership of Lama Al-Akkas, Maha Al-Omair, and Rula Abu Saqr. The presence of select members of the Alumni Council and school graduates, including Mr. Abdullah Al-Arji (President), Abdullah Al-Dubaib (Vice President), Dr. Ahmed Al-Tayyar, Mr. Abdul Rahman Al-Gosaibi, Mr. Mishal Al-Saeed, Mrs. Nadia Al-Rumaih, and Mr. Hamad Al-Buali, furthered the educational projects. DAS alumni, such as Mohammed Al-Tayyar, Mishari Al-Jomaih, and Fawaz Al-Jomaih, also actively contributed to supporting the exhibition. In a crowd of 100 visitors, including parents, the exhibition showcased the artistic expressions crafted by the skilled hands of our students, evoking a sense of pride and joy among the attendees. Special recognition goes to Mrs. Samia Al-Dossary and the President of the Records Committee, Mrs. Mona Bamasoud, for their diligent efforts in organizing and overseeing the exhibition, supported by deputies Mrs. Joud Al-Bassam and Mrs. Hoda Al-Saif. The Artist's Brush Committee members, including mothers Mrs. Jawaher Al-Otaibi, Mrs. Batoul Al-Jalal, and Mrs. Fatima Al-Hussein, as well as school staff members Mrs. Sabah Fouad, Mrs. Haneen Al-Muhini, Mrs. Fatima Al-Saqour, and Mrs. Fatima Al-Rumaihi, played instrumental roles in the successful execution of the event. Moreover, the dedicated female volunteers from the middle and high school levels, namely Aisha Al-Nuaimi, Athba Al-Abd Al-Karim, Noura Al-Jamaa, Sarah Basra, Alia Al-Zamil, Dima Al-Saleh, Dima Al-Mashal, Rajwa Al-Buraik, Sarah Al-Jabr, Noura Al-Rajhi, Al-Jawhara Al-Mutlaq, Lulu Al-Ahmari, and Maryam Ismail, contributed significantly to the event's success. We express our profound gratitude to all participants and attendees whose presence and support were pivotal to the resounding success of the exhibition and, ultimately, the Record Day Festival.







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WWoW Winter Night

The school administration extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Mothers' Committee for organizing the Winter night of the Week Without Walls (WWoW) Program event during the Records Day Festival. The Week Without Walls program is a comprehensive social service initiative planned and executed by groups of 11th-grade female students, along with volunteer teachers, in collaboration with local and international civil society organizations. The event aims to support community projects for 11th-grade students by providing a pleasant evening of family engagement for students and parents, amidst a winter atmosphere featuring various interactive activities. The Winter night of WWoW took place on Saturday, January 20, 2024.

We express our gratitude to all individuals who contributed to the success of this event, including the 11th-grade students and their parents, as well as companies, institutions, individuals, volunteer mothers, students, and members of the boys' department business office. Special appreciation is extended to Mrs. Lama Al-Akkas and Mrs. Rula Abu Saqr for their management of the event, and to Samia Al-Dossary for her role in preparation and planning.

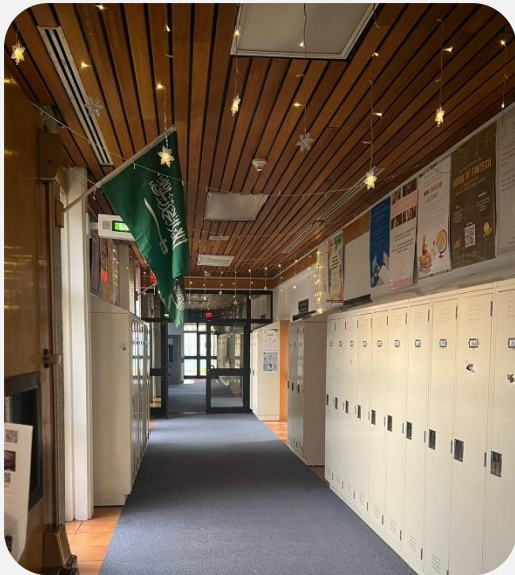
We offer particular thanks to the President of the WWoW Committee, Mrs. Mona Bamasoud, and her deputies, Mrs. Joud Al-Bassam and Mrs. Hoda Al-Bassam, along with committee members Mrs. Dalal Al-Bawardi, Mrs. Mashael Al-Bawardi, Mrs. Nada Al-Rajhi, Mrs. Lama Al-Tuwaijri, Mrs. Fatima Al-Hussein, and Mrs. Dania Al-Dhabib. Gratitude is also extended to the committee for organizing sports competitions involving parents and students, led by Mr. Abdul Rahman Al-Shoushi and Mr. Khaled Sallam. The female student committee members are: Nouf Al-Mubarak, Sarah Al-Bualian, Rania Al-Anqari, Deem Al-Dossary, Sarah Batyour, and Lulu Al-Thamiri. The Media Committee includes Mrs. Laila Al-Saleh and student Lina Burshid.





STUCO Activities Winter Week

Student Council Executive teams organized an event under the title “Winter week “from 29th January – February 1st, 2024, to enhance the sense of community and belonging amongst students at Dhahran Ahliyya Schools. As students approach the middle of the trimester, they may be experiencing heightened stress levels and pressure. Participating in events like winter week, however, can help relieve that load and encourage students to display school spirit that promotes a positive school culture and reinforces a sense of pride in being a part of the DAS community.





Top Student/ Alia Dabloul Achieved a Rank on the Level of the Kingdom

Student/ Alia Dabloul from the 3rd grade won the fourth rank among other 80 contestants in the Gymnastics competition that was held on the level of the kingdom 25-27/1/2024.

Congratulations



Practicing Yoga for 5th Graders

To support social skills and communication between the school and the family, Mrs. Hala Badr, the mother of the student Amar Asali, conducted a yoga activity with the students in the fifth grade (B) on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024. The event was marked by enthusiastic participation from all amidst an atmosphere of warmth and friendship. We extend our gratitude to the mother for her involvement and to the students for their active participation in the event. Additionally, we express our appreciation to Rania Al-Mashouq, the English language classroom teacher, for her initiative.

Practicing Yoga for 3rd Graders

Yoga is significantly important for improving balance and flexibility of the body. Slow movements and deep breathing help blood flow smoothly to the various muscles in the body.

The third-grade students enjoyed doing yoga activities with Ms. Deem Al-Muhaidib, the yoga specialist. We extend our gratitude to the Mother Ambassador Mrs. Bayader Bawyan and Mrs. Noura Al-Zamil for organizing this activity for Class Divisions (A and B).

Bullying Awareness & Prevention Exhibition

Grade 7 MYP students implemented preventive measures/campaign through **Bullying Awareness & Prevention Exhibition** on Thursday 8/2/2024 to assure that every student will feel secure in the school environment.

The students discussed the forms of bullying: physical, verbal, cyber, relational, and indirect such as gossip and isolation. Bullying leaves long-lasting scars for its victims and have a higher incidence of antisocial behavior, anxiety, depression, and domestic violence as adults.



1st Grade Trip to Al-Othman Farm

An entertaining trip was organized for the first-grade students to visit Al-Othman Farm in Al-Ahsa. Our students visited the dairy factory and learned about the manufacturing, storage and packaging stages. After lunch, they went to visit the cow barn and the zoo and saw some animals such as oryx, ostriches, peacocks, and horses.

We thank the ambassador mother (Ahmed Behairy's mother) for organizing the trip as well as monitoring students, and thanks go out to all the participating teachers and the ambassador mothers of our students in the 1st grade.





Victorious: Our Students Secure Top Spots and Prestigious Awards at the Ebdaa Science and Engineering Fair (Ebdaa 2024)

In an atmosphere brimming with joy and ambition, six projects from the Eastern Region have advanced to compete at the Ibdaa' Science & Engineering Fair – Ibdaa' 2024 on a national level. Students from the Khobar Educational Office secured six rankings at the scientific fair held in Riyadh. Among the achievements, three students from Dhahran Ahliyya Schools have been honoured with prestigious ranks and awards.

إدارة تعليم الشرقية

المجال
علوم الأرض والبيئة

عنوان المشروع
Fabrication of Novel Spinel Metal Oxide Coatings on Stainless-Steel Mesh Exhibiting Contrast Wettability for Highly Efficient Oil Water Separation Applications

جهة عمل المشروع
جامعة الملك فهد للبترول والمعادن

جائزة كبرى المركز الخامس

يارا يوسف القاضي

إدارة تعليم الشرقية

المجال
الطاقة

عنوان المشروع
Development of CeO₂-supported catalyst for LOHC as hydrogen storage and transportation application

جهة عمل المشروع
جامعة الملك فهد للبترول والمعادن

جائزة كبرى المركز الثالث

شهد مساعد المطلق

إدارة تعليم الشرقية

المجال
علم الأحياء الخلوية والجزيئية

عنوان المشروع
Comparative Analysis of Highly Polymorphic DNA Regions in Saudi Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells and Fibroblasts

جهة عمل المشروع
جامعة الملك عبد الله للعلوم والتقنية

جائزة كبرى المركز الخامس

جنى محمد السنان

Furthermore, two students have been presented with special accolades: - Muneerah Al-Azzaz received a special gift from Riko Company. - Jana Aldossary was awarded a special gift from the Biology Science Association. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the students, their families, and their dedicated teachers. Special recognition is also bestowed upon our Science Team led by Mrs. Mona Abdulatif. The winning students include Jana Aldossary, Layan Abu Kaboos, Muneerah Alazzaz from the 12th grade, Shahad Almutlaq from grade 11, and Yara Alqadhi from grade 10.

Congratulations on their remarkable achievements.



Saudi Foundation Day, “The Day we Started”. Three Centuries of Glory

King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, issued a Royal Decree to commemorate the founding day annually on February 22nd, which represents the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's deep historical, civilizational, and cultural roots when Imam Muhammad bin Saud established the first Saudi state in 1139 AH / 1727 AC.

In order to achieve the mission and vision of Dhahran Ahliyya Schools, we continuously work on implementing the IB Learner Profile that helps to create caring, loyal, cooperative, knowledgeable, open-minded and balanced citizens. On Foundation Day, our students demonstrated their sense of belonging and loyalty to our great nation. The celebration spanned a week in our schools, commencing from Sunday, February 11th, 2024, and culminating on Thursday, February 15th, 2024. School entrances and corridors were adorned with flags of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Foundation Day slogans. Students distributed coffee, dates, and traditional sweets they had prepared. A traditional corner at the school's main entrance showcased historical tools like mortars and wicker baskets.

Furthermore, students showcased their pride and celebrated the history of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia through performances representing regions from east to west and north to south. These presentations included regional fashions, prominent cities, customs, and traditions, delivered with awareness and responsibility. Students also highlighted their cultural heritage, expressing pride in the nation's three centuries of glory.

Activities throughout the celebration, ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade, included wearing traditional costumes, participating in interactive corners, and creating drawings depicting the history of the first and second Saudi states, as well as the story of the nation's founding and heroic imams. These activities aimed to bring Foundation Day to life through drawings, colorful brochures, exhibitions, photography, and activating the school radio.

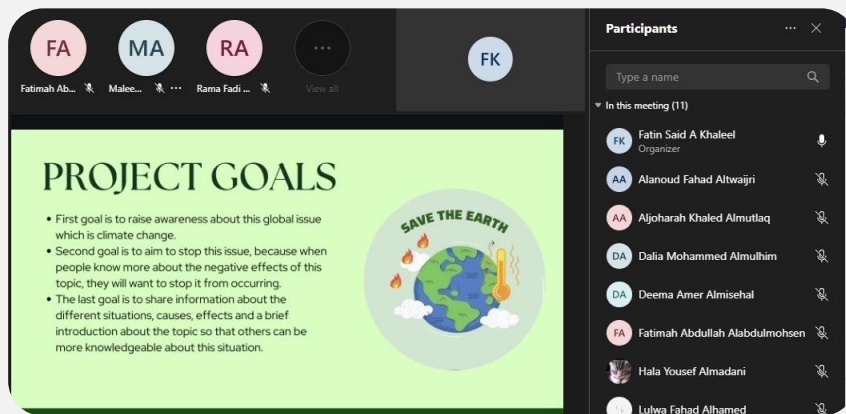
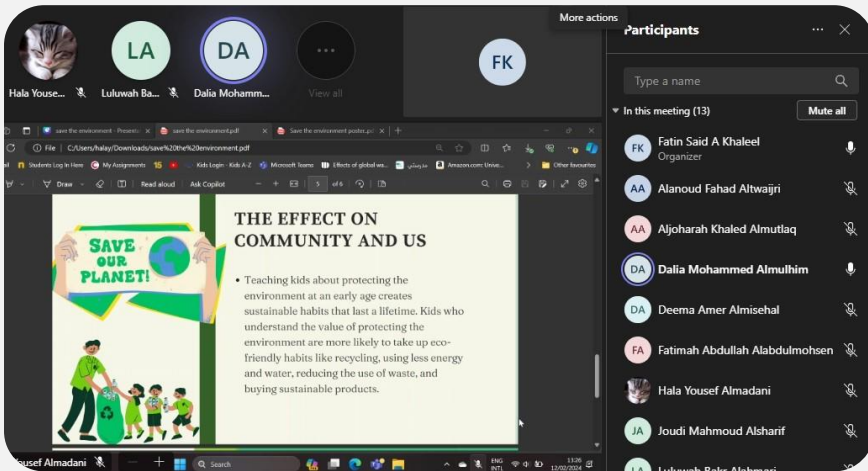
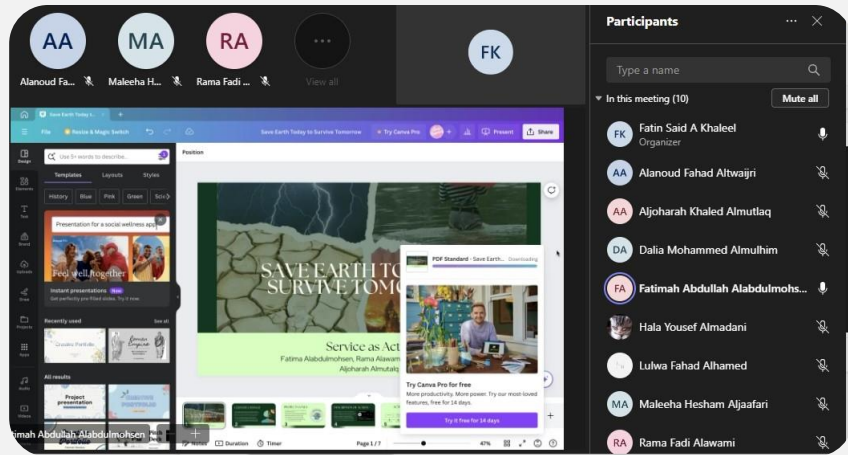
The celebration also featured:

- Documentation of the event through school-approved social media channels.
- Screening of documentaries produced by female students, displayed on main screens.
- Interactive segments and expressive performances by high school and middle school students in traditional attire.
- Participation in interactive corners, painting historical scenes of the Saudi state, and showcasing documentaries on main screens.



Service as Action Virtual Fair – Grade 9

In spite of adverse weather conditions which hindered student attendance at school on Monday, February 12, 2024, coinciding with the scheduled service and work exhibition for ninth-grade students, the students adeptly delivered their projects via the Teams Platform during virtual classes. The presentation was attended by both teachers and academic coaches, who diligently assessed the students and their projects. Through this demonstration, our students exemplified their resilience in overcoming challenges and demonstrated their capability to achieve their objectives.





Hosting Orphans

By Abdulqadir Almuhaideb Charitable Foundation

In alignment with the core values of cooperation and community engagement to fulfill the schools' vision of serving society and recognizing Dhahran Ahliyya Schools' commitment to fostering social cohesion and instilling a spirit of altruism among its students, as well as striving to realize the schools' mission and vision by nurturing the holistic development of students' personalities across all domains and empowering them to effect positive change locally and globally.

With the objective of encouraging a perspective shift in life that aids in the acquisition and refinement of leadership, communication, and organizational skills essential for lifelong success, a cohort of eighth-grade students, in collaboration with volunteer mothers and under the guidance of their teachers and project coordinator, extended an invitation to orphaned children from the Abdul Qader Al-Muhaidib Charitable Foundation to partake in an enjoyable day at our schools on Thursday, February 8, 2024, with the intent of bringing joy to their hearts.

The event proved to be a delightful experience for all involved, as students orchestrated various artistic endeavors alongside engaging in aerobic activities, culminating in the presentation of gifts to the children. This initiative served as a testament to the students' sense of social responsibility within our school community.





The Final Exhibition for Personal Projects

The final exhibition of personal projects was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, in the presence of teachers, administrators, and students' mothers. This event was the result of the exceptional hard work and dedication of our students, mentors, and program supervisors. The aim of this exhibition was to showcase the various projects undertaken by our students. Everyone was happy to see the amazing variety of projects on display.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the students and mentors who participated in this event, and to the school community members and mothers who came to support the students.

