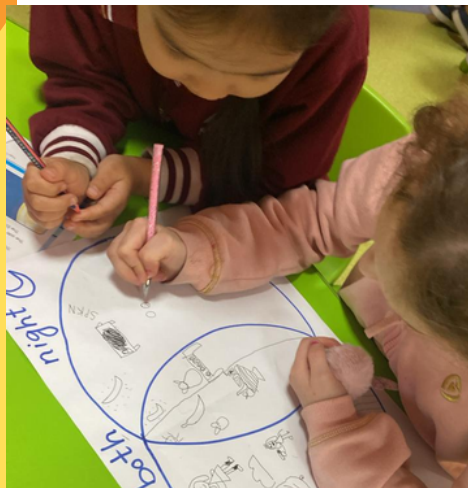


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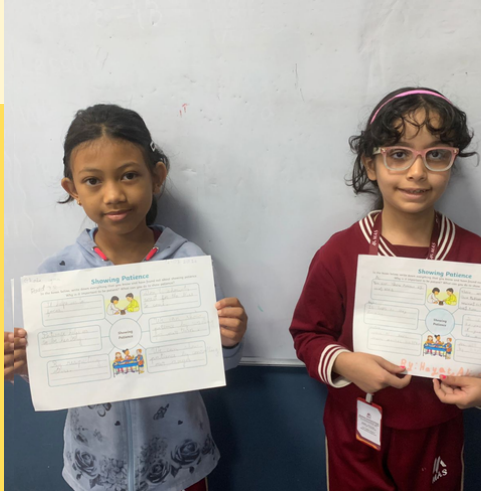
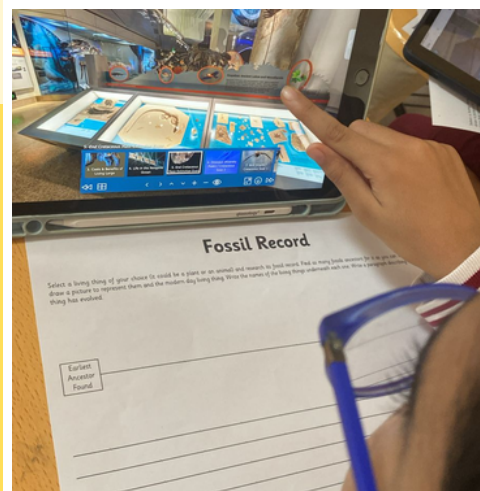


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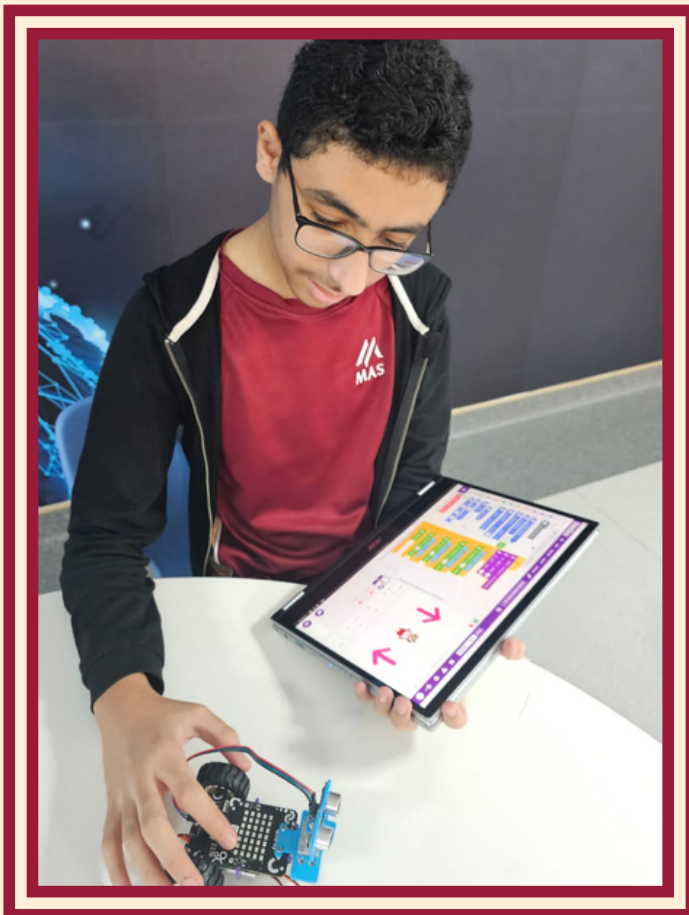
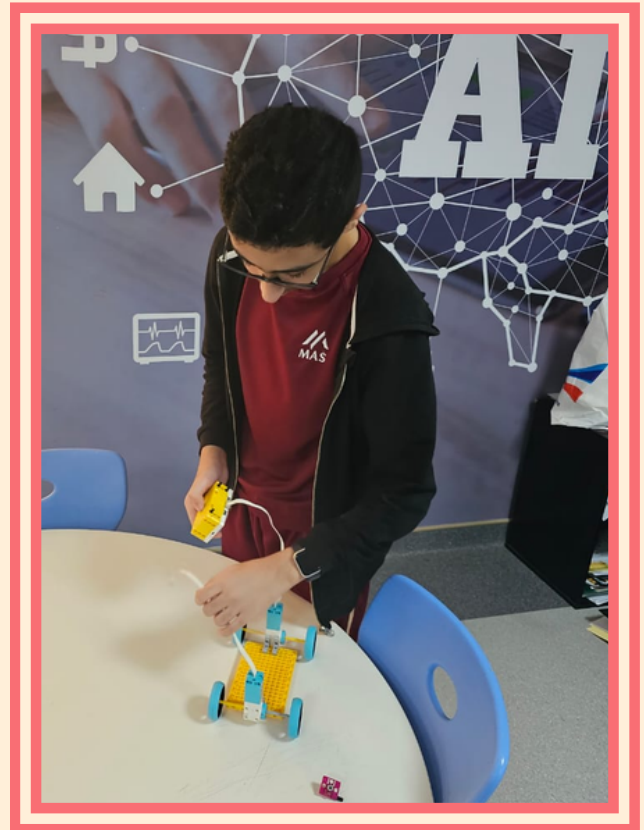
# Star of the Month





# Innovative Prodigy

Adam Mahmoud, a seventh-grade student at MAS, showcases exceptional work in innovation, MAP tests, and class assignments. His participation in competitions like the STEAM championship, coupled with his technical prowess in training peers, is truly commendable. Adam spends most of his break time in the innovation hub exploring new technologies and assisting teachers in designing innovative lessons. At Manthena American School, we foster, support, and applaud such remarkable talent.



His Online Certification  
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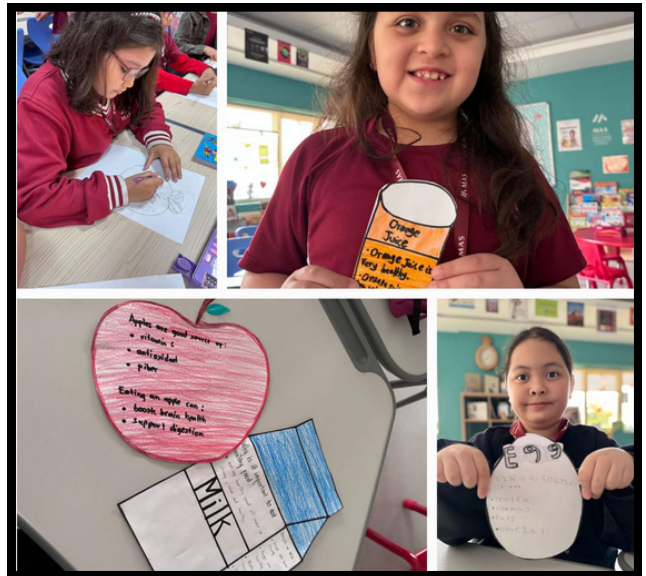
# Well Being @ MAS Weekly Value Program



## Enhancing Wellbeing Through Our Weekly Values Program

Exciting news! Our Weekly Values Program is in full swing, promoting social-emotional growth. Assemblies showcase a new value each week, while class teachers dedicate three days to reinforce it in creative ways. The best works will be displayed on the wellbeing board from each section, showcasing our commitment to nurturing the holistic development of our students.

Students engaged in hands-on activities to learn about the value of the week.



The Grade 5A to 9A students presented, the topic "Maintain Good Health". The presentation took place during the morning assembly, where Grades 5-9 students gathered in the field to start the day on a positive note and exercise.

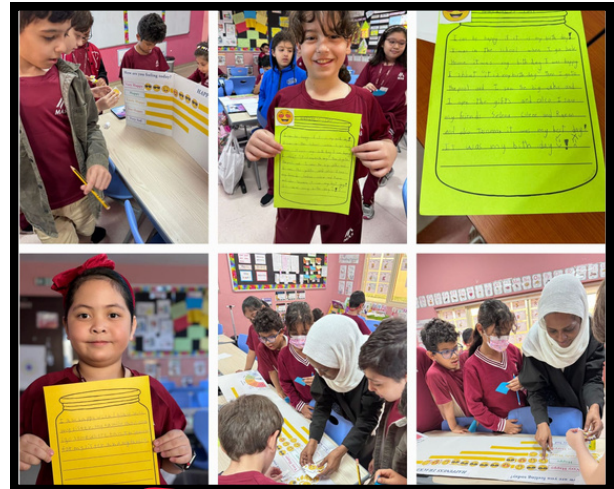
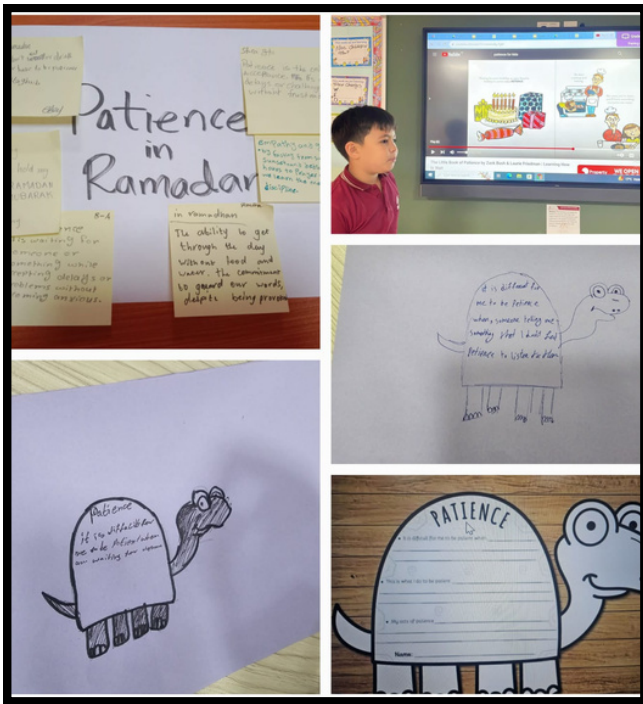


# Well Being @ MAS

## Weekly Value Program



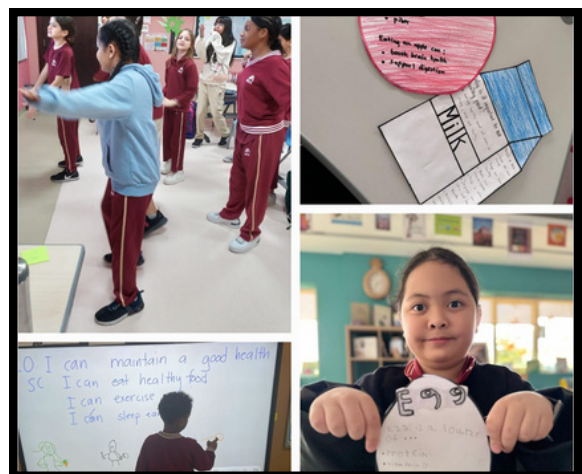
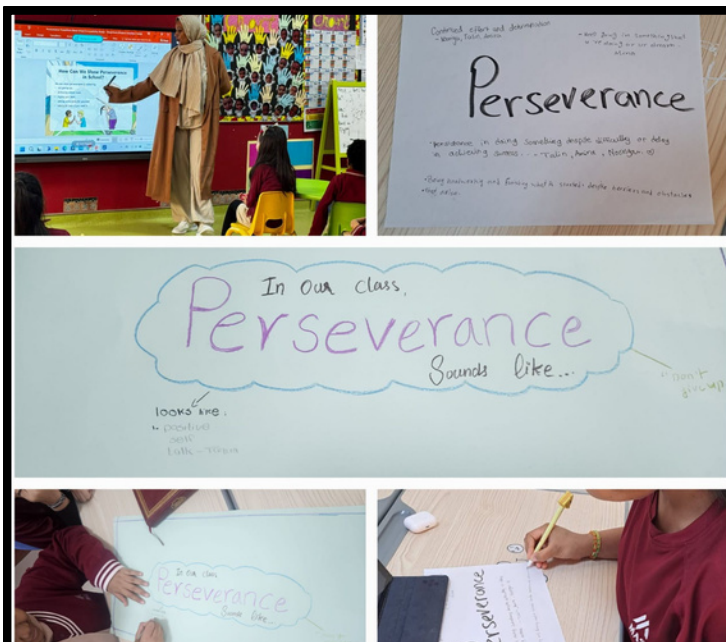
### Patience



### Happiness



### Perseverance



### Maintain Good Health







# Mother's Day At MAS



At Manthena American School during Thursday 21st, 2024. We celebrated Mother's day all over the school. Starting from KG all the way to Grade 9 participated in our Mother's Day event.



Middle School kids PowerPoint for mother's day

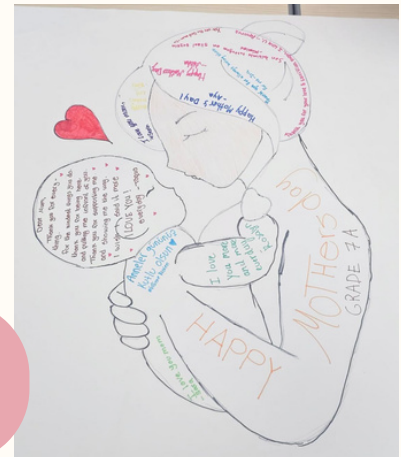


G4 made cards for their Mother

A creative idea of flowers made of paper



G4 made posters for their Mother



Work of grade 7A





# " March's Festive Highlight!"

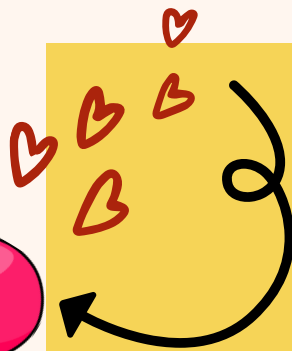
## Hag-Al Laila



Here is Ms. Jennifer and Ms. Nisreen sharing happiness while giving sweets and candies to kids



Wrapped in excitement and sprinkled with delight, her smile bloomed with each sweet surprise in the gift bag



Here is a 5A getting prepared and ready to spread the joy and sweetness of each goody bag to share with each other

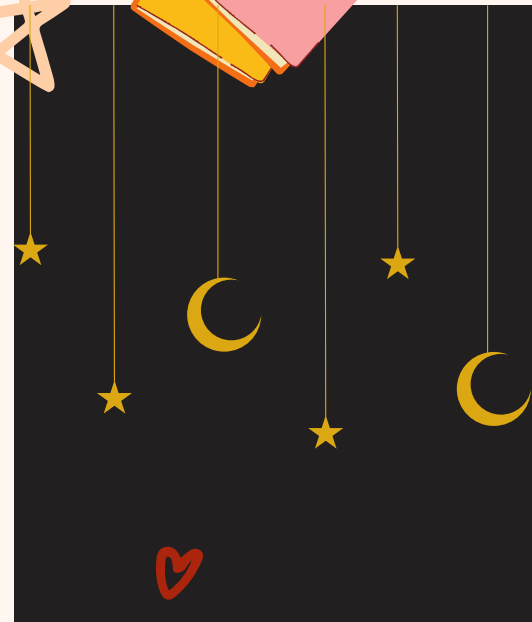
Students 1B gathering together to share smiles and great happiness towards a beautiful day





# IN FOCUS

Students took  
and gave away  
sweets!







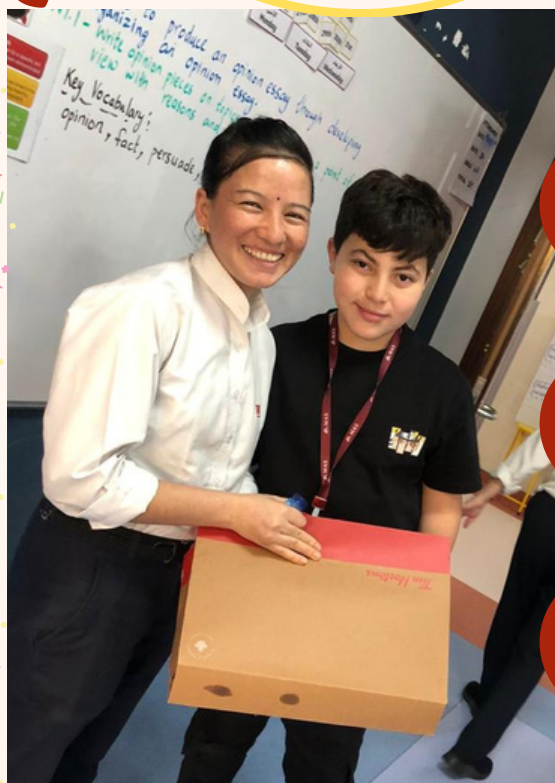
**Elementary  
students  
celebrating  
Hag el Laila**





# The Giving Corner

*Grade 5B sharing smiles and sweets to the non teaching staff members as they wanted to spread the joy around*





# Ramadan

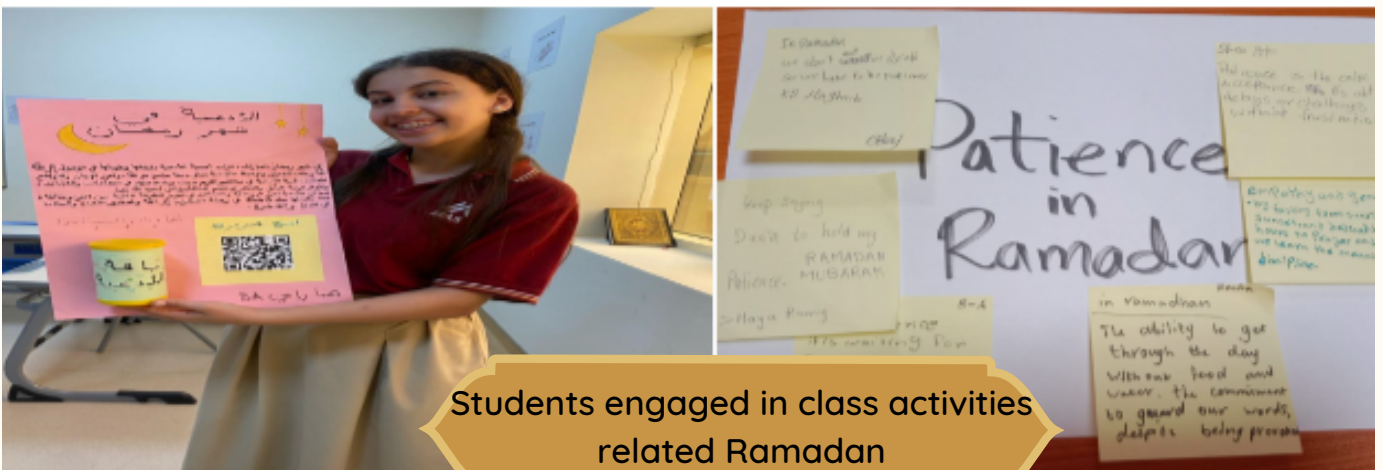
At Manthana American School, during Ramadan students showcased a range of engaging initiatives to promote cultural understanding and inclusivity. Students participated in creating **lantern decorations** and designing Ramadan **greeting cards**, fostering creativity and appreciation for Islamic art. **Quran recitation** sessions created a serene and spiritual atmosphere, enhancing the school community's connection to the holy month. A **Ramadan calendar** with important dates, prayer times, and daily goals was displayed in classrooms to track progress and maintain motivation. **Virtual field trips** to mosques and Islamic cultural centers provided students at Manthana American School with insights into Islamic traditions, architecture, and customs, enriching their learning experience. Have a look at the glimpses.



Lantern decoration/Greeting Cards



Quran Recitation



Students engaged in class activities related Ramadan



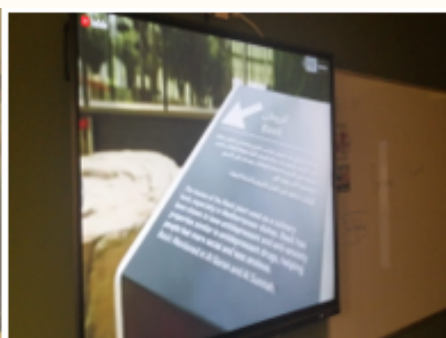
# Ramadan



Hands on activity to celebrate Ramadan



Ramadan calender



Virtual trips to Sheikh Zayed Masjid and Quranic Park

# BOOK FAIR & D.E.A.R

This month, students from Kindergarten to 9th grade eagerly participated in a book fair, immersing themselves in a world of knowledge infused with a love for reading. ‘**Knowledge Without Borders**’ brought a wave of excitement to Manthena American School with their generous provision of books and the transformation of the library into a vibrant hub of reading. They curated enticing reading corners stocked with a plethora of Arabic books, all available free of cost. To further ignite the students’ passion for reading, the library offered a variety of prizes, making the experience even more rewarding.



## WHAT IS D.E.A.R?

The school introduced an engaging program called “**DROP EVERYTHING AND READ**” to celebrate the month of reading, encouraging the entire school to dedicate 15 minutes every morning to reading. This initiative has not only enhanced their reading skills but also fostered a culture of lifelong learning and exploration within the school community, leaving a lasting impact on students’ academic journey.

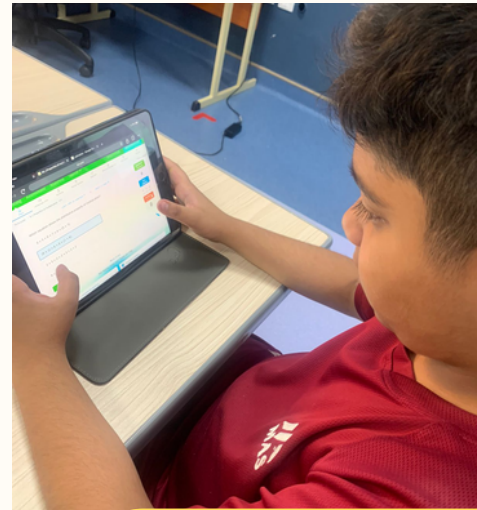


# IXL & Raz Kids Achievements

Empowering students through personalized learning with IXL and RAZ kids, where every certificate represents a milestone reached, fostering a culture of continuous growth and achievement.

IXL is an online learning platform that offers personalized educational content covering a wide range of subjects and skills.

RAZ KIDS is a reading platform designed to enhance literacy skills through engaging digital content and interactive activities.



Essa 3B practicing on IXL

Reader of the Week-  
Yahia 3A



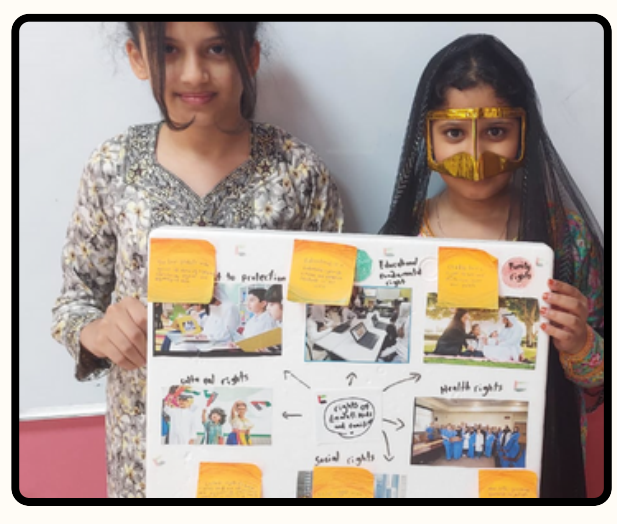
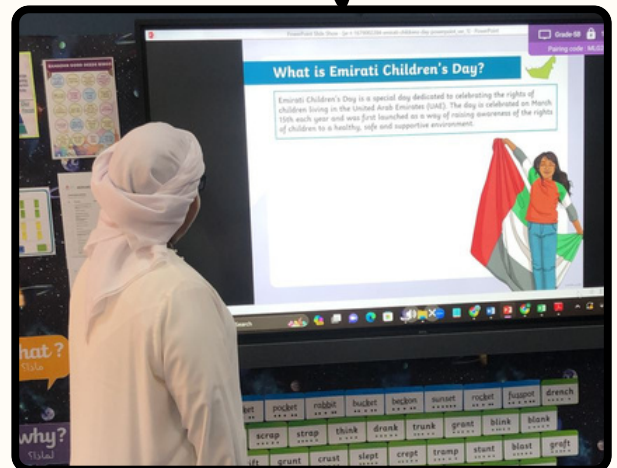
Reader of the Month-  
Malak 3A

Emirati Child Day was commemorated with a presentation highlighting child rights, educating students about its significance and celebration. Students donned traditional Emirati attire and engaged in hands-on activities to foster understanding and appreciation. This meaningful event was integrated into weekly values discussions during the zero period, enriching students' awareness and empathy towards children's rights and well-being.

Emirati Children's Day  
KG Presentation



Grade 5 presenting - Ali 5B  
and Reem and Alia 5A







### Inside the Student Council: A Glimpse into Meetings and Skill Building

Student council meetings serve as the heartbeat of school governance, where young leaders convene to discuss, plan, and execute initiatives that shape the school community. Beyond the surface of event planning and discussions, these gatherings offer a rich tapestry of skill development, ranging from public speaking prowess to collaborative problem-solving.



### Public Speaking: A Crucial Skill

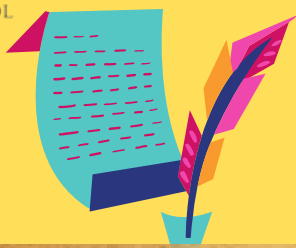
One of the most visible aspects of student council meetings is the opportunity for members to hone their public speaking skills. Whether presenting project proposals, providing updates on ongoing initiatives, or advocating for specific causes, students regularly find themselves in the spotlight. Through constructive feedback and practice, they learn to articulate their thoughts effectively, capture the attention of their peers, and convey their ideas with confidence—an invaluable skill applicable in various facets of life beyond the school walls.

### Strategic Planning for Future Events

At the heart of every student council meeting lies a strategic discussion about future events. These can range from fundraisers and social gatherings to community service projects and school spirit events. Members engage in brainstorming sessions, evaluating the feasibility and impact of proposed activities. Through this process, they learn essential skills in project management, budgeting, and teamwork as they work together to bring their ideas to fruition.







# MAS Author of the Month – Buthiena Elkhidir



## Last Summer

~Essay by Buthiena Elkhidir

It was the beginning of my favorite season and I could feel the excitement bubbling within me. I watched, witnessing the world awakening—a cool, breezy morning with the sky shaded pink and orange. The air was crisp and cool as I felt the first rays of sunlight hit me. Me and my friend were at our usual meetup spot -the lake by our houses. We were both in awe of the peacefulness.

“It’s so peaceful, isn’t it? I could stay like this forever,” my friend Ruba whispered.

“Right? It’s such an assuring feeling,” I said.

“Let’s do this more often, promise?” she said.

“Of course!” I replied, unknowingly, that it would be our first and only time.

It was the season of adventures and there were so many things I wanted to do! I wanted to go to the beach, hang out with friends, go roller skating, and do other typical teenage summer activities. This specific morning was pleasantly sunny, with a lingering breeze, typical of Washington weather in the summer. At the kitchen table, my parents were engaged in their usual discussions about moving. Of course, I didn’t think much of it, as it had become a daily occurrence. However, this time was different. They were serious. They sat me down and dropped a nuclear bomb on me.

“We are moving this summer to the UAE!” My mom exclaimed.

“Huh?! Why..?” I was shocked. I was content with my life and I didn’t feel the need for such a huge change.



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My mom responded by describing how it was such a safe country and how I would like it much better. It all sounded nice, but again, I was happy with where I was. Sadness welled up in me- I had to leave behind my life, my friends, and all my memories growing up here. Despite my strong disappointment with their decision, I decided to forget about it for now and worry later. I pushed all the sad thoughts to the back of my mind. This summer, I was determined to make it the best. In fact, my dad, my aunt, and I were already planning a trip to Egypt, which I was looking forward to.

Before I knew it, the departure date arrived, and the three of us found ourselves on a plane to Cairo. I was feeling the airplane jitters—the same excitement and joy I feel when traveling. After getting our luggage my uncle came to the airport to pick us up. Tears welled up in my uncle's eyes when he saw us. My aunt cried out of happiness- glad to finally see her brother after many years. He hugged us and that moment we were all genuinely happy. The last time I saw him, I was around 3 years old, and I barely remembered him, so I was glad I finally had the chance to see him again.

I was feeling thrilled to see my aunt—she is the oldest of all her siblings, including my dad, so she is more like a grandma figure to me. She is the sweetest soul, and I love her so much. She makes anywhere feel like home. I finally reunited with all my cousins, aunts, and family and got to catch up.

Over the next few days, me and my family explored the vibrant streets of Cairo, marveling at the wonders that surrounded us. My very funny cousin Rahma turned every outing into an adventure. From the lively markets to the malls and restaurants. Every conversation, every shared laugh, reinforced the bond between us. In those moments, I realized that the summer, which began with uncertainty was finally getting better!

Coincidentally, my friend Ruba was also visiting her family in Egypt. Of course, we had to meet up. It had been at least a month since I last saw her. She had arrived in Egypt long before I did. I was incredibly excited to finally see her - we were never apart for too long. Hanging out with her really brought out my inner child. I felt so free and happy with her. Something crazy would always happen when we hung out, so we'd always be entertained. Growing up we were attached by the hip! I completely forget about my phone when I'm with her- not feeling the need to pick it up. We had planned to meet at her house where we would then take a Taxi to my aunt's house. We were currently in a city called Faisal which is quite far from where we were headed (Madinaty). When I saw Ruba we both ran and embraced each other in a tight hug - finally reunited! We boarded a Taxi alongside my aunt and her younger daughters and headed to Madinaty!

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# MAS Author of the Month –Buthiena Elkhidir

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As we approached the city, the scenery changed. The city lights twinkled like stars, and the streets were alive with activity. We were finally here! Soon, we arrived at my aunt's house and finally got a chance to sit down, relax, and catch up. We then decided to take a walk. However, it turned out to be a bad decision!

It was late at night, around 3 am, when we decided to take a walk. Why we chose to stroll so late, who knows? As we walked and talked, we suddenly stumbled across a beautiful, enchanting park with many winding pathways. We decided to explore! The path led us through a view of flowers, and we saw many cats wandering around. We were still walking when we realized we had gone really far, and we were not familiar with the neighborhood. We decided to try to retrace our steps when suddenly, behind us in the distance, we saw four German Shepherds running aggressively towards us. If that was not a sign to run, then what was? We both ran for our lives. As we were running, one of Ruba's flip-flops broke, but she left it. We probably looked crazy running like that, especially her running with just one flip-flop.

We found an apartment building and sprinted towards it, slamming the doors shut once we were finally safe inside. We were far from my aunt's house, and the regret from our late-night walk set in. We could still hear the dogs barking in the distance, leaving us paralyzed in fear and unable to leave the apartment building. Our initial plan was to wait it out until morning and look for anyone to help us. However, then I pulled out my phone and prayed my data would work. I was not sure if it would since my data plan was American, and I was in Egypt, but I prayed, and miraculously it worked. I messaged my aunt on whatsapp and told her the situation, and sent her our location. Thankfully she was on her phone and she saw the message soon after. She showed up later finally finding us. Ruba and I both sighed in relief; I was so glad things ended up working in our favor.

Looking back, me and Ruba laugh hysterically talking about that situation. It was interesting to say the least. The final days of summer descended. The warmth, the laughter, the adventures of summer were over but at least I lived out the summer to its fullest like I intended. Now I had to move across the globe- it felt like the end of an era. And though it was bittersweet I was left back in the position of waiting hopelessly for the next summer.





## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Manthena Community,

We are finishing up our benchmark tests and end of term Projects. We have made a conscious effort to develop students' skills and self-reliance.

There is nothing more important than to prepare children for university and life through collaborations, challenge, extended learning.

Our focus areas for the next few Months will be:

1. Teachers actively encourage an independent/collaborative learning environment (FACILITATED INSTRUCTION) where students are challenged/pushed beyond grade level showing progress in each lesson (3.2.5 &1.2.2).
2. Students utilize S.I.R. specific Feedback: Self-Assessment, Peer Assessment, and Teachers specific Feedback using High Level Rubrics 3.2.5.

Reflection Questions:

- What are we Grateful for?
- How can we show more Respect & Tolerance?
- How can we improve our impact as Global Citizens?

We will continue to reflect and ensure continuous improvements to become the best school in Sharjah, Serving both students and the community.

We Wish everyone a Great Spring Break!

Eid Mubarak

Forever Learning,

Mr.G.







# Eid Mubarak

Manthena American School wishes each member of the  
MAS Family a Happy and Blessed Eid

