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## AMBASSADOR KINDERGARTEN

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## Editor's Note:

Welcome April with our new academic year season!!! It's the anxiety of a new class...excitement of meeting old friends and teachers....pride of being grown up by a year!!! Wow, we were glad to witness all this and much more!! Of course AKG is Home away from home for every Ambassador!! Such is an aura we strive to create for our little ones.

Kindergarten has set in and we are off to our adventurous journey of inquiring, exploring and innovating out of the box each day!!

This edition brings you the many facets of our month gone by....from the memorable first day of school to reasons for celebrating Earth day; from our teachers presenting their 'Wow' moment to our children's first field trip of the year; how we support Autism and promote the Year of Zayed while we kick start our first AKG Radio.....all this and much more!!

Happy Reading.....!!!!

## Principal's Note:

Dear Parents,

'Change' - it poses a constant challenge and at the same time offers an opportunity to take next steps in developing for the better. One inevitable change that every child, parent and teacher faces year after year, is the change in grades and classroom environment. Specifically speaking, in Kindergarten, one week, children are in KG 1/ KG 2 and the following week they graduate to KG 2/ Grade 1. Within a span of a week to 10 days, we expect our children to grow overnight and do everything that is expected from the next grade child.

Looking at it from a child's point of view, it is certainly challenging for them to keep up to the changed expectations instantaneously. But if we can support children in managing this transition positively, then this period before the summer break can lay a strong foundation for a child to accelerate her/ his learning once they are back. We have always seen a renewed eagerness to learn; and also a great increase in their volume of vocabulary, once they are back from summer vacations. So, how do we face this great big challenge of tiding over the first term, which certainly seems tumultuous to children, parents and teachers at times.....

First and foremost, we need to develop patience till the new academic year settles in and have trust in the child's innate ability to adapt to changes in her/ his own ways and support in developing resilience - the ability to adapt to adverse situations and still stay positive, in them. And most important of all, we need to ensure a secure and positive partnership between home and school, in order to bridge the gap between what is expected and what it is. This will go a long way in building self-control, confidence, self-esteem and positive outlook to changes in a child.

So, dear parents, looking forward to a wonderful learning journey together!

With best regards,  
Rashmi Nagendra





## 1st day of school

Our little ones were happy to be back to where they belong- their Ambassador Kindergarten. They were excited in their new uniforms, new bags, new classes, new teachers, new friends and some old.....in short, our campus was bubbling with cheerfulness and happiness!!!

Welcome back to school!!!

## Autism Awareness Day

On 16th April, we dedicated our day and thoughts to people with Autism by dressing up in blue. The Inclusion Department had organized frame making activity with puzzle pieces signifying that we all can fit together and accept each other with different abilities!!

If they can't learn the way we teach....we teach them the way they learn!!!



## Road Safety Workshop

Road safety is something of paramount importance to everyone, young and old. It is necessary to teach children the same at an early age so that it can lead to safer and more responsible behavior later in the courses of their lives.

A special assembly was conducted in The Piazza during which they were introduced to the traffic signal and its importance was told to them. A video was shown explaining certain basic rules and points regarding road safety such as the rules of the traffic signals, remembering to wear seat belts at all times, etc.

Road safety education plays an important role in shaping the attitudes and behaviors of children and young people - ensuring that they become responsible drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists.





## Field Trip

26th April was the first field trip of the academic year to Children's City. Our Kindergarten children had loads of learning and bonding time with friends outside the classroom environment. Each Ambassador indeed made memories on this day!

## Year of Zayed

2018 marks 100 years since the birth of Shaikh Zayed – the founding father who united the Emirates and took his nation to new heights of progress and prosperity. The Year of Zayed is a great national occasion when we proudly share memories of the life of the founding father, Shaikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, and his gift to us of deeply-rooted values, principles and traditions that have become part of our Emirati identity.



## AKG Radio

It is essential for each of us to keep abreast with our community and the world at large. News helps us stay connected with the happenings all around us. Our initiative to start an Ambassador Radio conducted by our Kindergarten 2 students shall help connect our students with the community around them.

Do tune in to 'AKG 45.6' for Ambassador updates.....!!



## Earth Day

Earth Day is celebrated on 22nd April of each year. The day is meant to show support for a variety of environmental concerns and ways through which we can help keep our planet clean and healthy. Exploring the natural environment promotes curiosity, self-confidence, and creative thinking. Children today often need help to feel connected with nature. We, at Ambassador Kindergarten believe that it is never too early to start teaching children the importance of keeping our planet clean and learning how to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Kindergarten 1's decorated their pots and planted their seeds to grow their own plants. Kindergarten 2's made crafts using various reusable materials which were displayed and spoken about. We also saw the Pre Kg children show off their head-gears that they had made as they went home.

We also believe that it is important to set an example for your kids with your actions. They won't care about the environment if you don't too. And all it takes are some small, easy adjustments to lead by example.



## Wow Moments (Chandrika/ Joan) Pre-KG

"Teaching is a magical thing. I truly believe it is a calling and much more than just "a job." It makes you smile, laugh, and cheer - yet I sometimes frown or even cry. It is both exhilarating and exhausting and I was surprised at how much work was involved with teaching. When I first started I thought that it would just be classroom work with the children and then I would leave my work at my job. However, there are trainings to attend and lesson plans to make and parent emails to answer. I was also surprised at how attached I have become to the children in my class and how much I will miss them when they move on. "I am often asked why I became a teacher", but truly, I love working with children. I love their curiosity and love of learning. I love seeing their eyes light up when they realize they can now read.

I recall the time - After introducing a topic of an Environmental sounds, I made the children wear the listening ears and asked them to listen carefully for the sounds around them, they had fun wearing big ears and showing each other and making sound of elephant. When I asked they need to be quiet and listen carefully, a child excitedly shouts to get my attention "Teacher, bus and imitating the noise with action moving backward showed bus reversing" I was very happy as this child of mine for the 1st week was unsettled and by the end of 2nd week he showed the confidence in him of learning, even though English being a challenge for him.

I really do think we make a huge difference as teachers. I don't mean just in the teaching of academics, but in children's and families' lives as well."



## Wow Moments (Trupti /Poorna ) KG

“It’s interesting how the things we come across in our daily lives leave such a lasting impact. It’s those moments that are small in time, but huge in the message they represent.

It was the 1st day of Kindergarten and I was busy welcoming all the kids with a warm hug and smile. When the class started after 10mins came another child with his father, who was frightened to enter the class. His father dropped him and walked away. I had to cajole and take him inside the class. My hug gave him such peace that he clanged to me for more than an hour, till he was comfortable to look around. This uplifted his spirits and confidence about his teacher and classmates and his class till date that child waits for me to smile and give him a warm hug every day in the morning, to kick start his day. Probably it gives him encouragement to learn something new every day.

This WOW moment made me pause to think about how humble and happy some kids are. How simple smile and even a small gesture of encouragement makes them genuinely happy. The thing they have in common is that genuine happiness only a child can generate.

They are unconditional!....They are the future!....They are an amazing gift from God!”

