



First Term

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2020

One of the best quotes I read recently concerning 2020 was:

' This is the year to appreciate everything you have.'

And truly that's the spirit we have seen in our fraternity.

Students, Teachers and Parents have come together to make a success of what was previously seen as impossible. Parents and Teachers have united to ensure learning continues. They have come together to ensure no child is left behind. They have come together to provide emotional and caring support in these anxious times. Each and every person appreciated each other's contribution.

We appreciate every chance we have received to grow to greater heights, to explore unknowns and to guide our children to be strong, adaptive and resilient.

It would not have been possible if everybody hadn't played their part - this is the success of - 2020 each one of us playing our part for the benefit of our children.

The new normal hasn't been easy - it has taken sacrifice, patience and learning of new ICT skills, yet I have seen a positive energy of resilience, of students growing with regards to independence and courage. Teachers teeming with renewed energy and new ideas, while Parents showing understanding and positive spirits - has been elevating.

Yes, it has been hard and we still walk forward while tensed. But we take confidence and pride in our JA team for the current success of virtual learning; of the united front which assures us of more victory; and have faith that whatever shall confront us, we will ride above the fears and hardships and continue with the same strong positive spirit that is the inner strength of JA.

May you and your family all stay safe and we pray to be together again physically when all is well.

From the desk of Mrs Neelam Jiwa.

School Business Manager.





Coffee with Mrs Mwanaidi Omar

Deputy Head – Nursery School

Mrs Omar your students have been at home away from the physical classroom, What have you missed most about them?

Greeting their little faces as they arrive, the cuddles , hugs, hi-fives and smiles...The million questions they would ask and stories they would tell...

I miss their routine accompanied by chit chats and movement all over and most of all seeing them curious in play, exploring and discovering from the environment around them.

All of it, every single thing is very special and is missed.

What has been the highlight of the virtual term?

Not being able to hug them... but feeling their hugs on screen.

Not being able to physically greet them ...but seeing their secret smiles on the screen.

Not being physically in the classroom with them ...but seeing them grow through virtual lessons to be courageous, independent and ICT Gurus!

If you could tell your learners three things, what would they be?

We miss you terribly, and can't wait to have you back!

Keep on learning!

Be brave, and keep smiling!

A prayer for the future...

I pray for the world to be a safe place for everyone. I pray for blessings, happiness, joy and safety upon our little angels and their caregivers always.

I pray for a peaceful and safe 2021.

Literacy Day

The 4 to 5 year olds from the Nursery section had an amazing literacy fun day which was full of creativity and innovation.

The early years value the use of resources as they make learning active, fun, interesting, enjoyable and learner centered. It was an event where the K2 children had the opportunity of making a literary resource in a bid to continue nurturing their pre-reading skills as they embark on the journey to foundation of reading with understanding.



It was a fruitful virtual event whereby children showcased the resources and shared the learning outcomes from each in collaboration with the family members.

Bravo to the K2 children and their parents!

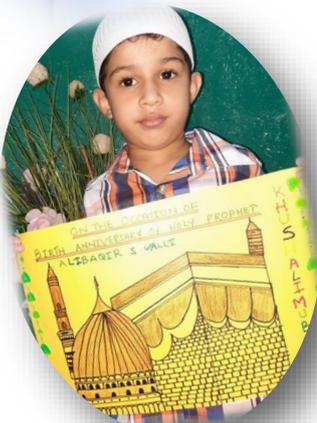
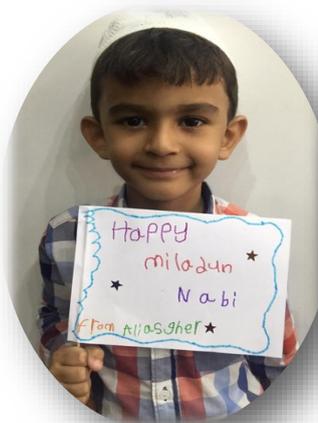


At Jaffery Academy we aspire to making learning fun and engaging.

Milad- Un- Nabi

Milad-un-Nabi is celebrated worldwide by Muslims to commemorate the birth of Prophet Muhammad, who was born in the month of Rabbi-ul-Awaal in the holy city of Mecca.

The Nursery children celebrated the Holy Prophet's birthday by making wonderful art items and having a virtual celebration on the same. They all learnt the values that they would emulate from the Holy Prophet.



Verse Speaking Day

All our K3 children had a chance to showcase their talents by taking part in the virtual internal Verse Speaking Contest.

They presented their poems confidently with clarity; hence all participants emerged out as stars as they had received more by just having the courage to take part and putting their heart to it.

Our gratitude also goes to all parents who took time to train their children, and who motivated the children to take part.

Congratulations to our outstanding entries.



*Look forward to the
Interschool Verse Speaking competition
Next term...*

Math Fun Day



The K3 pupils commemorated World Math Day by embarking on interactive fun math activities.

The activities were aimed at letting the children see that mathematics is practical and it is applied in our day to day life. The children were involved in solving exciting activities. We salute all those who took part in this engaging event.



Pajama Day

Somewhere over the rainbow we made stardust and wishes and magical things! The K1s celebrated their pajama party with dreams and fun activities. They hopped into their pajamas, grabbed their favourite sleeping buddy and pillow and were set to go to dream land!

This was definitely an adventurous and fun way to learn the concept of day and night. Parents appreciated the "celebration of learning" and in cooperated reading of bedtime stories to the 3 to 4 year olds.

It was indeed a splendid party!





A Mug of Hot Chocolate

with Mrs Irene Wambugu

Head of School – Junior & Nursery

They say every cloud has a silver lining , what has been the silver lining during this challenging time of COVID-19?

RESILIENCE ...Despite the pandemic, we have been conquerors. We learnt through our virtual platform, we celebrated our learning during express stage, we worked on and presented our class projects, we showcased our core values during virtual school assemblies, we participated in sports challenges, we held debates, we went on virtual trips, we enjoyed our club activities, we checked our progress through quizzes and we had fun with our friends' albeit virtually. Nothing stopped for us. Only our four classroom walls were missing from the equation. Our learners quickly adapted to the new normal. They quickly took responsibility of their learning. They learnt to inquire, they learnt to solve problems as quickly as they came, they became independent learners .

If you could tell the parents two things what would they be?

1.You are heroes and heroines. You did it, for your children's sake, You supported us all through...Thank you.

*2.You protected our learners- your children, You trusted us to navigate their learning journey- you followed closely....
God Bless you.*

What is your hope for 2021?

We shall overcome!! We shall pick up from where we left!!! We shall go back to physical learning, we shall be safe both at home and at school, we shall retell our stories of victory. Our school shall once again be a beehive of activities, with a buzz here and there and laughter everywhere, having fun as we learn. We do not give up hope. We hold on to it.

A wish for 2021...

Golden blessings, Golden Health and Golden smiles!

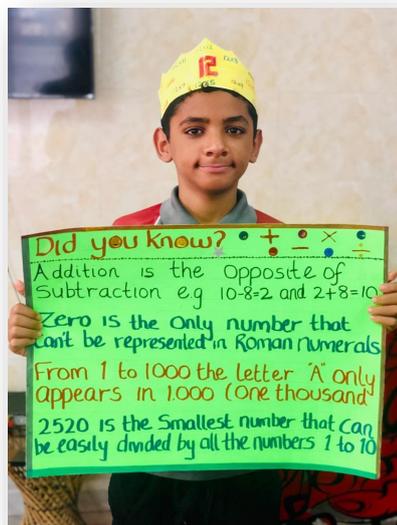


Math Forever Day

Junior School joined the globe on October 15th to explore various mathematical concepts in a creative manner. The celebration is meant to encourage students globally to take a break from conventional day to day Math lessons.



Instead, they can participate in competitive Math-themed activities. It was a fun filled and joyful day of learning with learners who exhibited unparalleled excitement. Learners were virtually engaged actively in thought-provoking activities that ranged from fun Math facts, quotes crowns screaming- happy Math Forever Day to mind boggling Math challenges that included Interactive online games, and artistically designed shape cities.



Lower Junior Clubs

Introduction of clubs added a special thrill to Lower School Virtual Lessons which range from poetry activities, D.I.Y activities to creative artistic pieces of artwork. It has been a perfect platform to offer a relaxing learning moment that seeks to ignite their creativity and imagination; not forgetting to mention how independent they have become. Take a look at some of their skilled creative work.



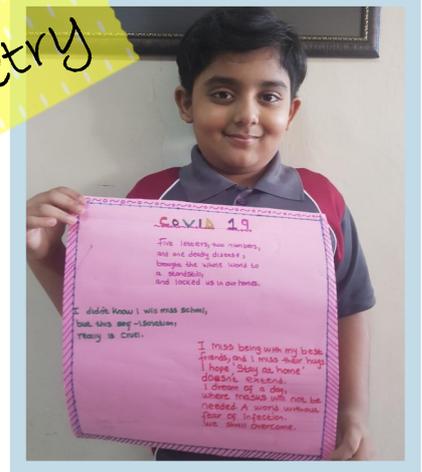
D.I.Y

Paper Craft



Art

Poetry



COVID 19
The letters, two numbers,
and one deadly disease,
brings the world into a
standstill,
and locked us in our homes.

I didn't know I was miss school,
but the way - isolation,
Ready is crucial.

I miss being with my best
friends, but I miss - make sure
I hope 'Stay at home'
doesn't, because,
I dream of a day
where masks will not be
needed, a world without
fear of infection,
let's stay safe.

Innovate and Express Stage

Though not physically in school the exciting Cornerstone curriculum was fully embedded in our lessons, with learners moving from the inquisitive Engage stage to the essential Develop stage. Then moving to the firm favourite of the students the Innovate stage and finally to the lively Express stage.

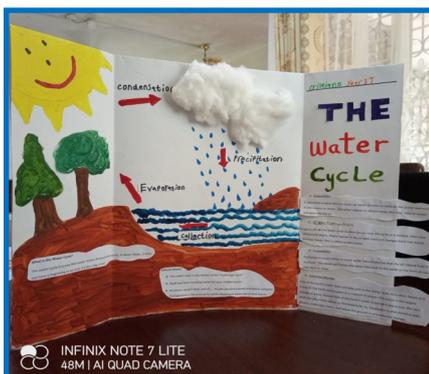
Just take a look at a few snapshots of the Innovate and Express stage across the Junior school... Truly amazing!



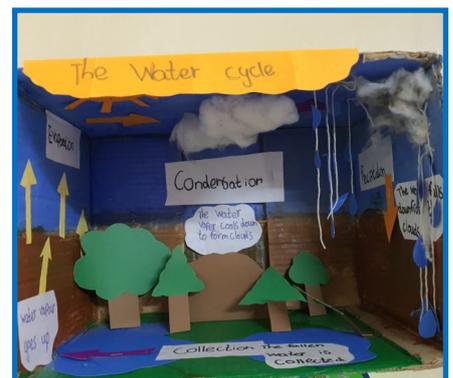
Year 1 - My Woodland Crown



Year 2 - My Town



Year 3 - Water Cycle Model



Virtual Sports Day

Physical school may have taken a full stop but our activities definitely did not take a pause .. Our virtual sports challenge was exciting from start to finish ! It was all about speed, precision, stamina and of course a sporty spirit!

Look at a few wonderful backdrops our students created at home to enhance the event! Bravo Participants!



Virtual Sports Fitness Challenge 2020



To all the participants we commend your enthusiasm to participate and join in the fun!

Our congratulations to the final winning house in each section , we salute your resilience, energy and competitive spirit.

Congratulations to the **Samurai House in Junior School.**

Congratulations to the **Spartans House in Senior School.**



A Cup of Tea with Mr Alwiga

Head of School – Senior

A different kind of term appeared before you once again, what are your reflections?

As we come to the end of this academic term, it is with great pride that I can look back at the many achievements of our learners despite the difficulties occasioned by the covid-19 pandemic. They have worked hard and smart, all the time adapting to the ever-changing demands and circumstances brought upon us by a new and challenging virtual learning environment. The many admirable values and virtues that the students have exhibited in pursuit of the daily curriculum activities, have indeed successfully seen us through the end of this term.

You mention an exhibit of new ‘values and virtues’ within the students, please share with us this achievement...

I’m referring to resilience when tackling issues that are class-related, or a problem between friends; courage in coping with changes; love and honesty towards all members of the school community; appreciation and happiness for each other, to mention just but a few. These were powerful indicators of our learners’ strength of character and their ability to make the most of every aspect of school life even in very trying moments.

Please share your End of term message for all the stakeholders...

I say a big thank you to all teachers and staff for their hard work. The teamwork was so admirable. Despite the changes and challenges, the iron-spirit of dedication and commitment to the call of duty never waned as they continued to provide the best education for the students day in, day out.

I would also like to thank all parents and carers for their support. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without your input, co-operation and support.

Brace for a better and brighter 2021!!!

Senior School Debate

Debating equips learners with skills in argumentation, research and public speaking. As these skills are pertinent in the formation of a holistic student, the Languages Department organized the annual Inter-house Debates.

The First Round saw the Samurais proposing the motion 'ONLINE EDUCATION IS AS EFFECTIVE AS TRADITIONAL ON-CAMPUS SCHOOLING' against the Vikings. Both Teams put up stiff competitive arguments for their position.

In the end, the Vikings won the Debate.



Viking Imran Karim emerged the Best Speaker while Samurai Zayn Aslam was the runner-up.

In the Second Round, the Knights were proposing the motion 'COVID-19 WILL BE HERE LONGER, SO PHYSICAL SCHOOLING SHOULD JUST RESUME FOR ALL LEARNERS IN KENYA' against the Spartans. All the Debaters proved firsthand knowledge of the subject in discussion.

It was a close motion to call but the Knights carried the day.



Spartans Abbasali Salim and Sanaa Riyaz emerged the Best and Runner-up Best speakers respectively.

This was an inaugural online debate that was hosted in the Jaffery VLE. Our Students once again have proven resilience and adaptability during this abnormal time of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Congratulations Team Jaffery!

JA Notice Board

**School will
re-open on the
12th of January,
2020.**

**Further details
to follow...**

Be a COVID Superhero

- Wear a mask in public
- Wash hands regularly
- Maintain social distance
- Sanitise hands, if water and soap not available

NEWS ALERT

Budding Journalists Needed!

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