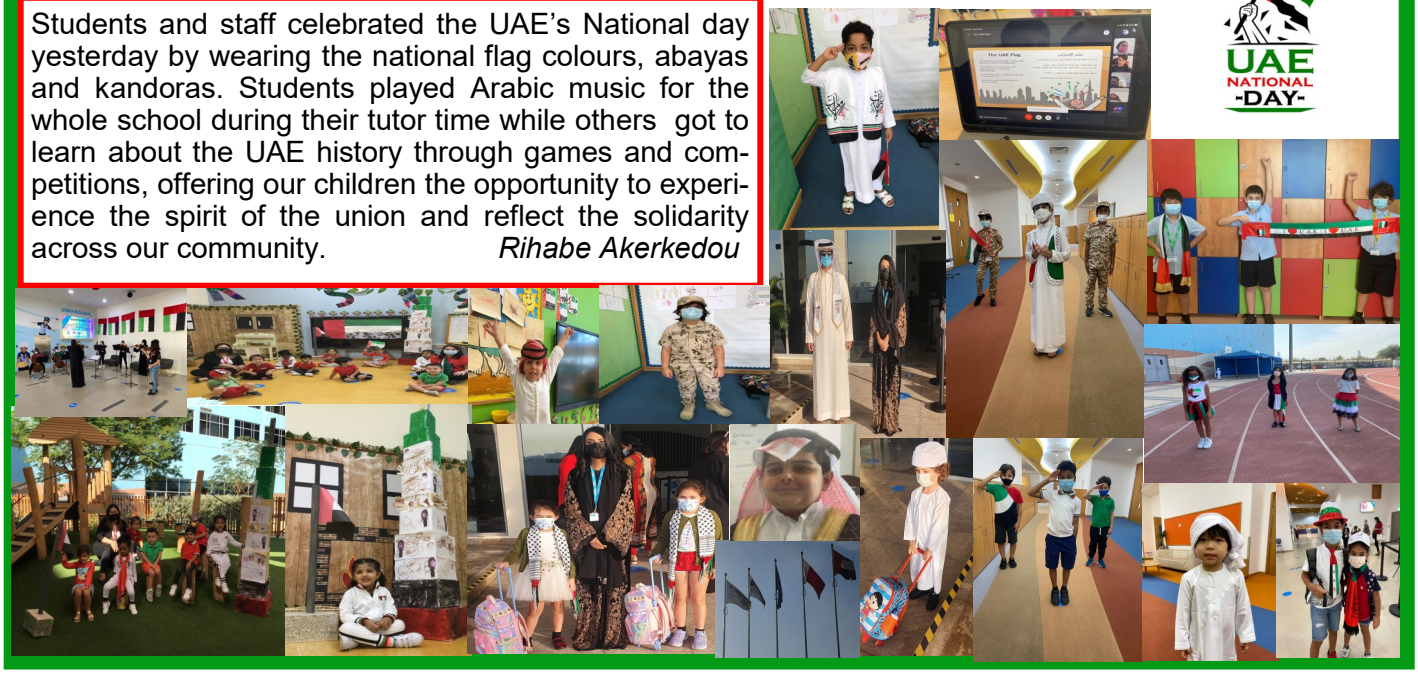
NEWSLETTER

30 NOVEMBER 2020

GWA National Day Celebration

Students and staff celebrated the UAE's National day yesterday by wearing the national flag colours, abayas and kandoras. Students played Arabic music for the whole school during their tutor time while others got to learn about the UAE history through games and competitions, offering our children the opportunity to experience the spirit of the union and reflect the solidarity across our community. *Rihabe Akerkedou*



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO/PRINCIPAL, DR RANA

Dear Parents, Carers and the GEMS World Academy Community,

A very Happy UAE National Day to you all. GWA has been celebrating the 49th National Day by showcasing our national dress and wearing the colours of the UAE flag as well as praying for the peace and prosperity of this wonderful nation. We have also been showing our GENIUS values of *Grounded, Entrepreneurialism, Nurturing, Innovative, Unique* and *Sophisticated* in all our relationships and communications as well as the Jewels of Kindness through *respect, compassion, helpfulness* and *empathy* which we believe align beautifully with the ideals of the UAE of *love, compassion, freedom, equality* and *justice.*

This is such an important week for us not only to celebrate this great nation but also to remember the martyrs who sacrificed their lives so that the UAE could become the great nation that it is today, one that is a shining example of tolerance and justice. GWA joined the nation in a 1-minute silence to honour the fallen heroes of the nation in a solemn ceremony observed in all corners of the UAE.

I would like to congratulate each member of our F1 in Schools Team, Delta X-15 for their fantastic win. Each member of the team has shown resourcefulness and resilience in the face of challenge to create the fastest racing car in the race. They have shown curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. They have shown the use of conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. They have shown critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. They have expressed themselves confidently and creatively in many ways and collaborated brilliantly. They acted with integrity and through a principled approach throughout the competition. They evaluated a range of points of view, and grew from the experience. They have shown real commitment to the project. They have dealt with uncertainty with forethought and determination; they have been incredibly resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change. They used a balanced approach to project management. They worked to understand their strengths and weaknesses in order to support their learning and personal development from last year and beautifully won the race this year. They have showcased true International Baccalaureate Learner Profile in doing all the above. We are all really proud of their huge success.

Wishing you all a wonderful National Day Holidays.

F1 IN SCHOOLS COMPETITION

GWA'S F1 SCHOOLS TEAM WIN UAE NATIONAL FINALS 2020

GEMS World Academy Dubai's F1 in Schools team, Delta X-15, is proud to announce that they have won the F1 in Schools 2020 UAE National Finals, and will represent the UAE at the World Finals of the F1 in Schools competition in Melbourne. This was an exhilarating competition consisting of ambitious students. A dream to win the UAE National Finals and reach the F1 in Schools World Finals fulfilled, once again.

After months of hard work and dedication amidst these unprecedented times, we were able to win the Nationals for the second consecutive year. In addition to being crowned the National Champions, we were also able to win the outright awards for; Best Engineered Car, Best Marketing and Sponsorship, and Best Team Identity. The competition had to be conducted virtually, but the team were able to adjust very well and make the most of the situation. Here are some reflections on how the competition has helped us develop imperative 21st century STEM skills and influenced our career pathways.

The team would like to thank Dr. Rana and GEMS Education for their continued support. Ms Florentina for her insight and guidance throughout the competition as the GWA F1 in Schools Teacher Coordinator, and our platinum sponsor, the Saudi German Hospitals Group, for their valuable mentoring, and for helping us become one of the most successful teams in the history of F1 in Schools UAE.

Arnav Kedia, Team Manager

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME ANNOUNCEMENT

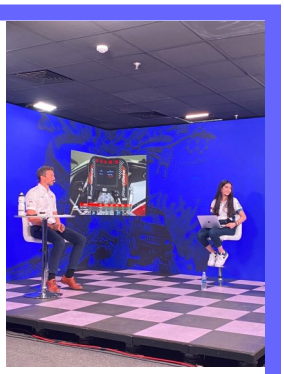
The Term 1 Enrichment Programme has now ended. There will be no Enrichment Online Clubs or on campus Sports and Swimming in the last week of term 6-10 December. Our Term 2 Enrichment Online Programme, Sports and Swimming will commence the week beginning 10 January 2021. A new Term 2 sign up form will be shared with the GWA community before the Winter break.

Fiona Ryan

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM DHA

With the upcoming National Day weekend about to commence DHA urges all parents to adhere to the following precautionary measures .

ZARA AL FAROOKI SELECTED AS CO HOST FOR YAS IN SCHOOLS FINALS



Zara was recently selected to co-host the event alongside Radio 1 presenter Mr Robbie Greenfield. Zara has been participating in the F1 national competition since she was in Grade 6 and has represented the UAE in the World Championships twice. This year she was selected to be on the other side of the competition as a commentator.

"It has been a great opportunity to work with Yas in Schools and PRG studios to make this year's nationals happen. Through the support of my teacher Ms Florentina, the Yas in Schools staff and Dubai Eye Sports commentator Robbie Greenfield, my co hosting experience was a great success. Being chosen to participate in this event helped me develop my skills and taught me a lot about how the whole competition is brought together. A massive congratulations to all the teams that participated. They all did an amazing job!"

Zara Al Farooki , G11