DEPUTY HEAD’S MESSAGE

“Looking beyond what we do well and developing the great ideas of tomorrow.”

This was our message to students and teachers for the month of February, where we had some very special events to celebrate innovation month. Students in KS2 were flying drones! Year 5 had some questions for UAE astronauts, which were answered during a live TV press conference; and the entire school created a range of bridges for our STEM project. This was an excellent initiative, which not only developed skills of engineering, but was used to explore moral themes of building bridges between different cultures, in a nod to our Year of Tolerance efforts. We look forward to assessments at the end of this term which will show how well students are progressing in their studies. Thank you for your continued support and if you are an innovator or entrepreneur, we would love to hear from you to discuss how we can share your expertise with our students.

Mr Fraser Angus
Deputy Head

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Regular attendance at school enables an active participation in all activities that enhance learning and promote personal development. Punctuality is an important life skill that we need to teach our children. Being at school on time every day ensures the children are not missing out on any learning making the most of their whole school experience. It also teaches responsibility and a positive attitude to their future.

FS ATTENDANCE

In Foundation Stage we record every class’s attendance every week on our display board for everyone to see. The class with the best attendance in FS1 and FS2 get added to the Burj Khalifa and then the classes with the best attendance at the end of each term get rewarded.

For the Autumn Term the best class attendance in FS1 was FS1 Green and FS1 Blue and the best class attendance in FS2 was FS2 Violet.
INNOVATION

Year 4 had a morning with a difference on the 8th of January. Career morning began like all others and then developed into an exciting whirlwind of learning about different occupations and what those entail. Thank you to all those who gave up their time to share their amazing experiences. It really got the children thinking about what they want to be when they grow up! Muna from 4 Yellow said, “I really enjoyed listening to the robotics man and the animal expert. When I grow up, I want to be a palaeontologist!”

YEAR OF TOLERANCE

On December 15th 2018, HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed declared 2019 as the UAE Year of Tolerance. With more than 200 nationalities living peacefully and successfully here, the UAE society has become an undisputed example of being a tolerant and inclusive country.
A special note from FS2: “Thank you to all the parents for making an amazing effort for our topic ‘All around the World’. We had such an enjoyable time researching and learning about each place; and had a fantastic time dressing up in traditional clothes from around the world. It was so amazing to experience so many different foods and experiences.”
A special thank you to the sports department for all of their efforts in organising sports day across primary. This is no easy task but they took on the challenge with smiles on their faces and fun-filled days were had by all!
FRIENDS OF SRS

From parents .. to parents
Friends of SRS is an initiative to form a group in which parents from all year groups can come together, share ideas and put forward their views that build a positive relationship between them and the school and the community at large. The group’s main aim is to contribute your time, ideas and values and to participate in school activities in a way to complement the school vision for the best possible future for our students. It also aims at giving parents a voice and increases their active involvement in decision-making, fostering a culture of ownership and participation in school life. Don’t hesitate to be part of us. Your input and support is essential. We are also pleased to receive your suggestions/ideas through the following email address:

Friends@srs.ae

SCHOOL TRIPS
LEGOLAND

Year 5 went to LEGOLAND this term, linking with their topic Forces. It was a fun filled day packed with laughter and challenges as they made their way through each activity. They showed helpfulness and kindness towards each other.
Year 3 spent time at the Sharjah Natural History Museum where they discovered and explored all aspects of the Arabian Desert and the animals in their habitats. They learned about the different routines of the animals, what each need to be fed and how many times a day. Another interesting fact they discovered is that some animals need to be separated as they don’t like each other and always fight.

Year 4 attended Hub Zero as part of their topic ‘Digital Gamers’. It was an action packed day as the year group tried to beat the computer in every game. The excitement was evident on each day of the trip as it bubbled throughout the entire year group. Year 4 had to use skills such as courage and helpfulness to succeed in completing the tasks.
Meet the members of the Boys Book Club in Year 4! This has inspired a love of reading across a range of texts and the boys love discussing different elements of stories and poetry.

Shout out to the Year 5 students who won certificates for Super Reading!

Talha from Year 6 White who wrote an amazing article about his trip to Ski Dubai.

SRS SUPER STARS

Check out some of the SRS SuperStars this term in their outstanding achievement.

BRINGING STEM SKILLS TO LIFE

A huge congratulations to Mohammed Al Janahi (6 Red) and his brother Abdulla Al Janahi (8 White), who are part of a team of winners of the Artificial Intelligence Robotics Competitions Series. Mohammed and Abdulla will be representing UAE for the VEX World Championship competition in U.S.A in April! In this competition classroom STEM concepts are put to the test as students learn lifelong skills in teamwork, leadership, communications, and more.

When they announced the winners, it was at the very end of the day. As soon as they said my team’s name, I began to tear up. I was filled with happiness inside my heart as I stood on stage getting my picture taken.

Mohammad Ibrahim - Year 6 Red
SRS WAR AGAINST PLASTIC

SRS are fighting the worldwide war to become an Eco-Environment. We are fighting plastic any way we can! We are loud and proud and have created posters in order to help our cause.

FS2 taking care of all the plants around school!

Sorting items into recycling bin.

Primary students ready to go green!

PLASTIC WASTE
At SRS we strive to celebrate each and every individual as the unique and special person they are. This year, we are undertaking many different tasks and activities to create tolerance and awareness and we are very excited about what is to come.

February brought our innovation month with a special focus on STEAM week. This was hosted across primary and at home, throughout the entire month. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled in the next edition for pictures of what we got up to. March has a very special activity arranged that is currently top secret information. Stay tuned!
This trip is the best trip I have ever gone on and here’s why. When we were picked up, we had so much fun on the bus. I guess we were really excited! But when we got to Ski Dubai, it was like entering paradise.

For extra safety, the staff gave us thick jackets, trousers and boots and we also had to wear a helmet and gloves. Once in our gear, we were all set to go. We walked through the entrance and it was like entering Antartica. We started throwing snowballs at each other, making snowmen and generally having a blast.

There were many games to play like sliding down the ice, bumper trains and bubble roll. We then took a hot chocolate break to relax, catch our breath and take a break from the cold. Heading back to the -5 degree weather, this is where it got interesting! There was a sliding game and let me tell you, I’ve never seen Miss Michelle this scared to ride a game! She managed to get through it, as did I and she made us all laugh hysterically the whole way.

Finally it was time to leave Ski Dubai. We had to take off all of our winter woolies and head to the food court for lunch. As we are in Year 6 now, we could all choose where we wanted to eat from. We all met in the middle to eat and more importantly, to chat about the day’s adventure.

When we came back to school, we were all exhausted! We used up all of our energy skiing and having too much fun! Some of us even started to fall asleep on the bus! We reminisced about the adventure we had that day and took home our group picture, that was taken at the beginning of our amazing day. Ski Dubai was so much fun! I definitely want to visit again!

**Ski Dubai is located in Mall of the Emirates and we landed there at approximately 9am.**
Complete the crossword below.

Across:
2. Coming from the word tolerate.
4. Showing kindness and understanding each other.
8. Forcing others to accept your ideas (6 - 6).
10. To know new things.

Down:
1. To understand others.
3. Willing to accept new and other ideas (4 - 6).
5. Looking out for others.
7. Good manners.

Try out our super tricky tolerance crossword created by Ahmed and Mohammad Al Balushi, Year 5!

Did you get the answers right? Scan here to check!