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## 'Remembrance of the Humanitarian Leader'



## 'Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts'

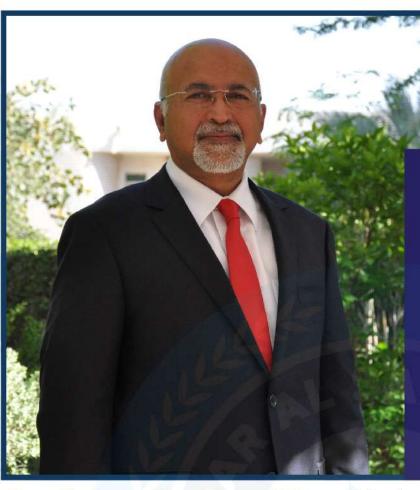
The staff and students of DAS schools express their condolences and pay homage to the late Emir of Kuwait His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah for his support and keenness on his remarkable contribution in fostering Arab unity and solidarity.

The distinguished Emir devoted his life to the service of the State of Kuwait and will always be remembered as the Great Humanitarian Leader. He was a man of wisdom, tolerance, and peace. His policies in service to the State of Kuwait will remain eternal in the memory of generations.

The passing of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah is mourned by every member of DAS schools and we offer condolences to the State of Kuwait.

DAS group of schools congratulate His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah for assuming charge as the Emir of the State of Kuwait and Shaikh Mishaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al- Sabah for taking charge as the Crown Prince of the country and we exude confidence under the new leadership.

Dar Al-Salam in Arabic means 'house of peace'. We pride ourselves in providing a vibrant multicultural environment, respecting every individual and embracing varied backgrounds, religions, languages, ethnicities, cultures and talents.



# THE LEADERSHIP

#### DAS VISION

Providing holistic, state of the art education within a safe and respectful environment that nurtures children to achieve their potential making creative, confident and compassionate citizens for future generations.

#### DAS MISSION

Nourishing young minds by cultivating a passion for learning within a conducive environment, engaging bodies in team building sports, performance arts and providing mentorship for students to become responsible and valuable members of their community.

# Dear Partners, Management Team, Principals, Vice Principals, Teaching Faculty, Staff, Parents and Students

I am so pleased to be writing to you from our maiden newsletter, the DAS Digest. I believe it is imperative that we communicate our strengths, our values, our vision and efforts of our educational institutions over the academic year to provide our communities with assurance, hope and trust.

With the inception of DAS Digest, we are able to highlight consistent achievements of our students, faculty and schools through featured articles, interschool news and interest pieces from Indian Central School, Pakistan English School, Aspire Indian International School and DAS Academy.

In our first issue, we would like to emphasize the immense effort and dedication of our operating teams, faculty and students as they transitioned into online learning commencing early March 2020. The pandemic has surprised us with challenges, but our schools have proven their tenacity in the face of adversity.

Our schools plan to produce regular publications of DAS Digest with themes common in our schools and of interest to our communities. I would like to congratulate all members of our faculty that were involved in the creation of DAS Digest, and I look forward to sharing our story with readers. My hope is that you can stay in touch with the tremendous variety of activities at our schools and by reading about us, being a part of our successes and sharing in it.

With best wishes,

Mr. K. O. Mathew

Chairman

Aspire Indian International School, Indian Central School and DAS Academy

Vice Chairman of Pakistan English School and College

DAS Educational Company represents a wide range of nationalities within its student body and faculty. At ICS, 95% of our administrators, teachers and supporting staff are Indian while 5% are of Arab origin. At PES, almost 80% of our administrators, educators and staff are Pakistani while the remaining 20% are Arab and Canadian nationals. At AllS, a little over 75% of our teaching staff are Indian with the rest being of Arab origin or other South Asian origin.



## Dear Partners, Management Team, Principals, Vice Principals, Teaching Faculty, Staff, Parents and Students

It brings me great joy and excitement to take part in DAS Digest's first issue. I would like to begin by highlighting how proud I am with all our students, parents and school faculty, whether at PES or our sister schools – ICS & AllS. Embracing change with good spirit and working as one team to ensure your education never stops was a challenging experience, but a highly rewarding one. I commend every single one of you for your engagement with the virtual school experience.

As I am writing this letter, I was also reading about all the new breakthroughs in vaccine developments for COVID-19. Hundreds of teams have worked around the clock to find a cure and it will hopefully be a reality soon so that we can welcome everyone on campus again and continue working together. Although we are blessed with technologies that united us, I am sure you all missed your friends, teachers, school activities and leaving your homes to challenge your minds and develop valuable social skills.

In the meantime, we look forward to your stories, creative writing, artwork and photography to mark a new chapter in the history of PES. The year 2020 will always be remembered as a period where we survived a global pandemic and marked significant achievements in ingenuity, dedication and will power. Keep up the great work and well done to everyone who made DAS Digest a reality.

Sincerely,

#### Mr. Ahmed Al-Falah

Chairman of Pakistan English School and College

Vice-Chairman of Aspire Indian International School Vice-Chairman of Indian Central School



#### Dear ICS, PES and AIIS families

Welcome to our very first issue of the DAS Digest newsletter! I'm so pleased to be sharing features on our student achievements, updates, news, events, community happenings and so much more.

DAS Digest is a Community Engagement initiative evolved by DAS School Management with the intention of publishing regular newsletter issues based on various themes. We're keen on all our school families keeping up with everything school-related and staying involved with us.

The name, DAS Digest, derived from the acronym 'Dar-Al-Salam' referring to our group of schools namely Indian Central School, Pakistan English School and Aspire Indian International School that the newsletter would highlight.

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(n.) a magazine or newsletter dedicated to summarised versions of previously published articles.

We wanted to choose a name that would be fitting of the news we were looking to publish for our community and easy to remember. That's how we decided on DAS Digest.

As a community, you deserve to know what's going on at our schools and we're thrilled to have your support throughout our growth journey. We're grateful for your interest to follow along and be a part of us.

I'd like to take this opportunity to send a big thank you to our team of editors, teachers and school principals for making this newsletter possible. Your dedication and efforts in producing a quality issue for DAS Digest is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

#### Ms. Stephanie Mathew

DAS Digest Editor-in-Chief and Community Engagement Executive for DAS Schools

At our schools, we embrace unity in diversity where, we represent nearly 60 different nationalities in our student community collectively - ICS has students from over 20 countries, PES has 30 nationalities among students and AIIS has about 10 student nationalities.

### **Consulate Correspondence**



03 December 2020

#### Message

I am delighted to learn that Dar-al-Salam Group of schools, which include the Indian Central School, Kuwait, will be launching its maiden digital group newsletter DasDigest through which information regarding schools' policies, news, schedules, events, student achievements and school community happenings will be disseminated.

It is heartening to note that digital platforms are being used innovatively by Indian schools in Xuwait. The swift adoption of technology by all concerned, including parent, student and teaching communities, is really commendable. I would particularly like to congratulate our students who have shown remarkable resilience and a great deal of flexibility and understanding in adjusting to the new, digital ways of learning.

Dear Children, these testing times will pass soon and we will together emerge victorious in this battle against the onyoing pandemic. Please continue to keep your spirits high and make good use of innovative platforms and informative tools like this digital newsletter.

I extend my best wishes to the management of the school for the success of this initiative and to all the students for success in all their future endeavors.

(Sibi George)

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#### Message of the Ambassador of Pakistan

On behalf of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, I would like to congratulate Pakistan English School & College on the issuance of its newsletter DasDigest. I believe that the publication of DasDigest would inculcate good reading habit among the students.

The year 2020 posed several challenges to the global community. Despite Covid-19 pandemic and the challenges, the academia not only defied all the impediments but stood up diligently against all odds. This all would not have been possible without cooperation from the student's community.

Working through Covid-19 was certainly not imagined to have happened, but the teachers and the students together successfully managed to get a year full of learning. The lessons learnt from this difficult time would be a testament that determination of the human spirit can outlast a pandemic.

We are proud of the youth, particularly the students, who are the nation builders and sole guarantors of future. They must fully equip themselves with discipline, education and training for the arduous task lying ahead of them.

I am confident that with self-determination and vigour the students would rise high against all the odds and challenges. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Syed Sajjad Haider

(Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan)

British Council has been associated with Pakistan English school for almost 13 years in providing opportunities for school students in Kuwait to pursue UK qualifications. With great pleasure, we congratulate you on the release of the school's maiden newsletter DasDigest. DasDigest is an articulate briefing of the activities and achievements of the schools and we are confident the publication will develop and cultivate literary taste and study habits in our student community.

The British Council of Kuwait extends its best wishes to the members of Pakistan English School for the success of their maiden newsletter DasDigest.

#### Suchitra Sen

Schools Relationship Manager

## Celebrating the Power of Pink at DAS Group of Schools

As part of the community engagement initiative, Ms. Stephanie Mathew, executive of DAS group of schools organized a Virtual Breast Cancer Symposium for faculty of its member schools namely Aspire Indian International School, Indian Central School, Pakistan English School and guest attendee sister school Canadian Bilingual School, to create awareness of the epidemiology of breast cancer with featured speaker being Dr Susovana Nair, a medical oncologist with the Kuwait Cancer Control Center.



The event, which drew a crowd of over hundred members, was presided by the Chairman of the DAS schools Mr. K. O. Mathew, with opening remarks by the Principals of the schools Mrs. Gihan, Mrs. Anju Dheman, Dr Shantha Maria James and Mrs. Sanober Farrukh.

As a chief guest of the event, Dr Amir Ahmed, President of Indian Doctors' Forum and senior Physician at KOC addressed the gathering with an introductory speech appreciating the efforts of the management to bring awareness and inspire hope that every woman of our community deserves.

Dr Susovana Nair, presented information related to breast cancer stages, diagnostic modalities, genetics, treatments, dispelling myths, novel techniques and much more. Dr Nair encouraged questions from the audience and supported the efforts of the schools in raising awareness and reducing the stigma of breast cancer through education on symptoms and treatments.

DAS group of schools expressed their words of thanks and presented an embellishing memento to Dr Susovana Nair for providing a great informative session to the audience that proved to be a great success.

#### Enriched Experiences



#### Pioneering a Revolution in Education

Committed to the belief that education can never be disrupted no matter how pressing the challenges are, DAS group of schools have pioneered in adapting the most critical tools to support and enrich the experience of learning by stimulating the best possibilities of remote classroom engagement.

In the midst of this revolutionary Covid crisis period in education sector, DAS schools have been a beacon, shining bright with its innovative approaches in the domain of smart learning.

Inspiring in its scope and detail, the story of our schools' inception, growth and transformation is a chance to witness the great heart it takes to dream, adapt, and fight for collaborative, innovative education. Our schools have been ahead in seizing opportunities to find new ways to address the learning crisis and bringing about a set of solutions previously considered difficult or impossible to implement.

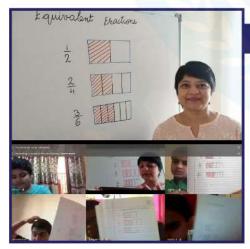
#### Offering an Outstanding e-learning Program

Our e-learning programs offer online classes with personalized learning experiences and resources using different platforms for students to learn. We facilitate navigating technical capabilities and providing support in managing challenges that have raised due to the unprecedented times.

DAS schools have adopted innovative continuous assessment methods such as monitoring student progress, tracking usage and performance statistics from our digital platforms. We, as fore frontiers, have initiated changing school cultures with new responsibilities for faculty, students and their families, and new forms of interactions among them.



Our e-learning programs includes multiple resources to support learning, including 'micro-lectures' that chunk materials into small, coherent modules, resource videos, multimedia, reading presentations, interactive and engaging digital explorations and many hands-on activities that support child-centric learning.



#### **Digitalized Learning Success**

As a forward-thinking group of schools, DAS schools are always initiating a proactive role in adapting to the age of automation, digitalization, and innovation.

Our digitalized learning experience ensures that students are provided with targeted instruction based on their unique needs and learning styles, and that allows them to have access to materials as learning resources.

Our schools offer digital resources, both self-sourced and outsourced, with a wide variety of learning methods catering to different learners and different

curriculums. Interactive skill assessments and games, online evaluation, presentations are amongst some of the various tools that enhance the learning experiences at our schools.

DAS Schools operate a variety of curricula and learning methodologies. At Indian Central School the CBSE (Delhi) syllabus is followed; Pakistan English School runs the Cambridge, Edexcel, IGCSE, Oxford (UK) and FBISE (Pakistan) curriculum; Aspire Indian International School follows CBSE syllabus and is the first Delhi World Public School in Kuwait. Aspire Bilingual School will run a Bilingual curriculum.

#### **Enriched Experiences** -



#### **Community Engagement Program**

Standing true to the current times, raising the next generation is always a shared responsibility. When we work together as school, parents, teachers, students and a community, our children become more successful and the entire community benefits.

DAS schools ensure that its community members have access to valued social settings and activities; we provide opportunities to develop the functional capabilities that enable them to be involved.

INDIAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

**Community Engagement Webinar** 

Topic

Quick Take:

Impactful E-learning

SATURDAY 2" MAY, 2020

9 10 AM TO 10.30 AM

Microsoft Teams

RECORDED

ICS Parents of Grade 7 & 8 Students

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Under the leadership of the Community Engagement Program, DAS schools offers support and opportunities to give our families voices, through social service engagements and philanthropic efforts going beyond distribution of food kits and charity.

#### **Empowering Excellence-Faculty Enrichment**

Faculty Enrichment Programs are an important aspect of our schools and support in delivery of the curriculum. At DAS schools, the varied dimensions involved in the program not just brings an enhancement in the teaching methodologies but also provides opportunities to learn from guest speakers through webinars, workshops, virtual lectures, training sessions and self-learning courses.

DAS schools provides its teachers opportunities to be exposed to innovations in their profession, updating their knowledge and upskilling their current methodologies.

Besides training and teacher development, the faculty enrichment program facilitates platforms for staff recreation, fitness and well-being through virtual and in-house trainings.



#### **Building Partnerships-Parent Involvement**

Education is a partnership between school and parent community. When schools and parents work together and support each other, young children develop into responsible citizens under the guidance and wisdom of the partnership formed by their teachers and parents.

At DAS schools we work on building sustainability in the long run by ensuring our students receive the best quality in education and exposure to the current world environment.

We are grateful to receive parent support throughout the Covid-19 challenges and we appreciate their involvement in taking initiatives in supporting our students learning.

DAS Educational Company offers a wide range of sports across its school campuses. ICS engages in ten sports, has an indoor swimming pool and a dedicated KG play area. PES offers six sports with cricket and football being amongst the most popular. AllS promotes nine sports and has a large indoor swimming pool among other state-of-the-art facilities.



## **ASPIRE INDIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

## A DELHI WORLD PUBLIC SCHOOL



## Dear Viewers,

Welcome to the first edition of DAS Digest. An endeavor to provide students and teachers a platform for their creative expression and also to connect with the community. A crisis never goes waste. We all have got used to living beyond boundaries with lots of time spent on social media and other trivia. Hope the lessons learnt are permanent. Family is the most important asset we have. Cost of living is very manageable but cost of life style has no limits. Always build a reserve. It helps. Enjoy the nature, dawn, dusk, chirping of the birds, flora and fauna...You never know 'Kal ho na ho'.



Mrs. Anju Dheman
Principal

### VISION

Provide state of the art holistic education within a conducive environment that nurtures future generations with compassion, curiosity and creativity.

## **MISSION**

Nourishing young minds by cultivating a passion for learning & innovation within a safe and conducive environment, engaging bodies in team building sports & performance arts and facilitating mentorship to uncover endless opportunities.

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DAS Schools have developed a comprehensive strategy for community engagement and corporate social responsibility with goals, milestones and core values. All initiatives are intended to benefit one or more stakeholder communities – our students, parents and educators.

## A World of Discovery

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character —that is the goal of education"- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and we here have tried to work on the same philosophy, which has become our guiding light. We at AIIS, call ourselves Team Aspire, as it is a team effort and we all strive to get the best out of our students.

## Virtual Events and Competitions

At Aspire Indian International School, we aim to highlight the importance of Life Skills by organizing events on our virtual platform, such as 'Traditional Costume Day' (highlighting the importance of various cultures), 'Joy of Giving' (importance of charity), 'DOTY' (Do it Yourself) and 'Color Day' (teaching primary colors), where the students of all ages were encouraged to take a step forward towards being self-sufficient and doing their own work.











'Robotics' classes were also conducted for few selected students. Among others were Target4Green, International Olympiad, and Art Competition by Promise Kuwait to name a few. Children's Day was the recent highlight where the students were encouraged to showcase their talent by creating amazing paper craft and showing their 'culinary skills' in making sandwiches.





It was a pleasant change to see the otherwise shy students, sitting in the comfort of their homes taking bold and confident steps forward and creating a healthy bond with the teachers and others. It is important that the students learn to appreciate others before getting into the rush of competing among others. Hence, we focus on their personality building skills and refrain from giving competitive names for our events. There's always a 'tomorrow' to compete.

## **Virtual Events and Competitions**

At Aspire, we aim to build a strong bond between children-teachers-parents. We achieved this by making the aware of the same by helping them to be independent. We celebrated different weeks, where the students were asked to focus on the importance on doing chores on their own, under the guidance of parents.

## Joy of Giving - (4th Oct - 10th Oct)

On the occasion of 'Gandhi Jayanti', this week was celebrated, making the students aware of the happiness a person receives on sharing and caring. The concept of 'Charity begins at home', was highlighted, and they were asked to share and give.



## Do It Yourself Week - (25th Oct - 31st Oct)

The main idea was to inculcate the habit of making the children do their own so as to allow them to take up responsibility and be self-reliant, and be independent. They were encouraged to clean up their rooms, fold laundry, and do their own H.W. etc.



## Sandwich day - (14th Nov)

Children were given a list of ingredients and their creativity was tested, rather they were given a free hand to create their 'master-pieces' using toasts, vegetables, and other condiments of their choice.





DAS Educational group offers our school communities ways to monitor and improve student performance through 'Track My School' app. The app allows students to access their timetable for upcoming classes, review assignments, receive news about the school and lots more.





Dr. Shantha Maria James

#### Dear Viewers,

It is my great pleasure to congratulate and extend heartfelt greetings to DAS maiden newsletter.

An academic year of commotion is at the stage of wrapping up, with students preparing for their Board Exams, teachers adopting diverse methods to impart knowledge and parents and students understanding the value of physical school. In this virtual academic year, we had limitations to organize academic and co-curricular-programs but barring these limitations we have done our best to connect with students and families not only academically but on co-curricular and on humanitarian grounds too.

Distribution of food packet for the needy, webinars for parents with the tactics of dealing with Covid, coping with the confinement at home for students are a few to mention. With learning we also focused in chiseling the co-curricular talents of our students through online multidimensional activities for which wide support of parents, students and public were received. The generous support of our management, staff, parents and students made this pandemic a memorable period in our life. Inviting you to be a part of this vibrant and thrilling institution.

#### Good wishes to all !!!

VISION

Indian Central School aims to provide an integrated scheme of education, giving equal thrust to training of mind, body and spirit and thus achieve their potential within a learning environment that is safe, positive and respectful thereby making them worthy of taking up the challenges of the new century.

MISSION

Indian Central School believes that each child is a unique human being, with personal interests, special talents and a recognizable learning style. It works to encourage the child's natural curiosity, his/her innate enthusiasm for learning and achieving his/her lifetime dreams.

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At DAS Schools, we believe in equal opportunities for education and are working towards a balanced intake of male and female students. In ICS, we have 52% male students and 48% female students. At PES, 59% of our students are male while 41% are female. At AllS, 57% of our student population is male and 43% are female.

## Indian Central School - A Family of Learning

Education is not preparation of life; it is life itself. Indian Central School provides a joyous and purposeful learning experience. We provide an environment and resources for students to not only achieve academic excellence but also to develop important life skills.

#### Class 10 Topper's Scores-97.6%

#### Centum Scores (Class 10)

- English
- Information Technology

#### Stream Topper's Scores (Class 12)

- Commerce Stream -98.4%
- Science Stream-96.4%
- Humanities Stream-95.6%

#### Centum Scores (Class 12)

Fine Arts



#### **Fusion of Talent**

Indian Central School provided the virtual platform for students to exhibit their talent and skills with great enthusiasm even in this phase of pandemic. The activities were a fusion of talent, imagination, creativity and alertness. Salad Making, Wealth out of Waste, Sandwich Day, Plant Exhibition, Clay Modelling, Paper Quilling helped to bring out the uniqueness of each student. Spontaneity and confidence were the hallmark of these activities.



## Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

Indian Central School has always taken exemplary steps to nurture the innate potential of our students by conducting various co-curricular activities. Bringing community into classroom, addressing social issues, Projects based on the curriculum etc. are some of the activities conducted to produce the best experience of learning. It is also an unfailing attempt to create social awareness in students to mold them into socially responsible citizens of tomorrow.

## Developing a Strong, Connected Learning Community

Every student is valued and cared for in the school. We work collaboratively to ensure every student achieves academically, socially, and emotionally.



## Everyone Is An Achiever

The competitions were organized for students to develop soft innovative skills through the virtual platform. Promise Kuwait, Solo Song, Poetry Recitation, Declamation, Dance, Mime, Drawing Competitions are few to mention. These competitions helped the children to develop their self-esteem when they performed them virtually. The winners of the competition were awarded with certificates.

At DAS Educational Group, our overarching mission is to provide holistic, state of the art education within a safe and respectful environment that nurtures children to achieve their potential making creative, confident and compassionate citizens for future generations.

## Winners and Merit Listers of Kala Kuwait 'NIRAM 2020'









Indian Central School students had actively participated for the KALA Inter-School Competition held during the year 2020 winning various prizes at different levels for various programs.





















DAS schools have made self-learning courses from globally renowned leading institutions available through its virtual learning platform to give students access to an array of topics and lessons to choose from. These courses are designed to take learning into their own hands developing various skills that will benefit their futures.



## **Pakistan English School**





Mrs. Sanober Farrukh

Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

We have shown an amazing spirit during Covid-19 hard times. Our teachers and students really showcased their pride and mettle. The time is challenging but our planning, perseverance and consistency helped us to cope with this unprecedented situation. We are striving to impart education to the PESCIANS and help them architect their way towards their successful, bright and prosperous future.

PES admin and staff are doing their best to nurture and inspire the students to the best of their potential through innovative approaches in an engaging environment by launching E-Learning prior to any other school in Kuwait.

In the current situation we are striving to achieve best results in FBISE, Cambridge and Edexcel Exams. We are committed to accomplish our vision and mission. We are prepared to take as much efforts as possible for the betterment of academic performance.

I admire and commend the efforts of my staff, active participation of the students and cooperation of the parents for contributing their respective role for the noble task of spreading education and manifest its qualities, aims and objectives in this onerous and formidable period.

VISION

Pakistan English School fosters the learning environment characterized by provision of quality education, utilization of technological resources in educational process, inculcating the motivation and eagerness to discover, infusing the respect and better civic sense, to transform the student into useful asset of society. Our vision is to develop adaptable, confident individuals knowing their potential and having ability to utilize it.

MISSION

It is our mission to fully enrich and develop the character and abilities of all of our student body. It is imperative to our school that we wholeheartedly support students on their journey to becoming competent and confident individuals. We believe that a school should be more than just a place where children go to learn each day. What we hope to offer is fully developed educational experience that allows children to become knowledgeable, responsible and valuable members of their community. Each and every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive, and it is our mission to make sure that each child does.

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At DAS Schools, it is our vision to nourish young minds by cultivating a passion for learning within a conducive environment, engaging bodies in team building sports, performance arts and providing mentorship for students to become responsible and valuable members of their community.

Driven by a rigorous pursuit of excellence and a passion to succeed, Pakistan English School challenges and inspires its students to achieve their dreams and define their journey towards becoming responsible and better citizens of our community. Besides the framework of the curriculum, Pakistan English School provides its students with several activities and opportunities that are vital in any child's development.

## **Virtual Events and Competitions**

One of the first things a child can do is pick up a pencil and start drawing. Using colors make them more expressive and improve their motor skills. A virtual drawing and coloring competition was conducted on 22nd October that showcased the creativity of students of Pakistan English School who displayed a visual treat of colorful masterpieces.



Pakistan English School marked The Prophet Mohammad's (PBUH) Birth Day on 29th October. The Islamic Studies teachers explained to the students the philosophy of Islam as a complete Code of Life and Prophet's (PBUH) endeavors to spread the message of Allah, through the virtual platform.





The history of spelling has been entwined with the evolution and development of languages all around the world. Pakistan English School conducted a virtual spelling competition on 15th October which received an enthusiastic response from many students.







To write an essay is to search your soul. With an intent to develop writing skills of students, Pakistan English School held a virtual essay writing competition on 15th September, giving an opportunity to students to showcase their writing skills.

Through visionary leadership and dynamic decision making by School Management, DAS schools were one of the first schools that switched from traditional physical classes at school to digital learning in virtual classrooms.







Allama Mohammed Iqbal known as 'Poet of the East', played a significant role to bring Pakistan into existence. Pakistan English School celebrated 9 November as Iqbal's Day marking his birth anniversary with an enthusiastic participation from students who delivered speeches resonating with the leader's vision and thoughts.

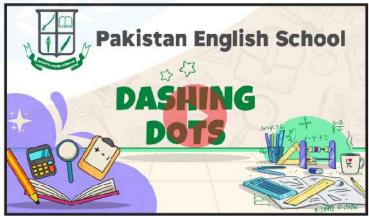






Handwriting is an essential skill that develops fine motor and contributes to reading fluency. Pakistan English School conducted a virtual handwriting competition on 10th September with the objective to strengthen awareness of the importance of neat and legible handwriting and encourage students to improve their calligraphic skills.





# DAS ACADEMY

DANCE • ARTS • SPORTS









#### Who we are

DAS Academy is a pioneering dance, arts, sports and education service provider in Kuwait. Strategically located in Abassiya school complex, our facilities and diverse program offerings cater primarily to students as well as the community at large.

Embodying our management ethos of instilling healthy lifestyle virtues in the foundational years of todays' students; we provide a student-safe, student-friendly and student-centric environment that is conducive to physical, psychological and social development of students of all ages.



If you are a student between the ages 6-18 years, DAS Academy no doubt has a physical or virtual activity for you! Whether you seek a sporting challenge, aesthetic challenge or a cognitive challenge, our burgeoning activity portfolio has got you covered! Call or visit us to discuss your interests and we will certainly be happy to partner with you in establishing and achieving your lifestyle goals.

## **Our Values**

Transcend the traditional definition of an 'Academy' by becoming a healthy lifestyle 'Partner' to our students.

Our success is not limited to how long a student remains with us, but more so the ingraining the student carries forward into their adult lives. We believe in envisaging, equipping and empowering our students to pursue a healthy lifestyle.

We lead by example, as it is the only form of leadership that resonates passion in the leader and instills dedication in the follower. We aim to unearth every
students potential and
develop it into tangible
success for the years ahead.
Harnessed potential translates
into success.

We pride ourselves on being student motivators, not just teachers and instructors. We recognize, value, and celebrate small successes of our students as they will someday add up to a breakthrough performance.

We nurture students to develop an understanding of self-concept in relation to a healthy lifestyle – who I want to be and how do I get there from where I am currently.

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Despite the challenges of Covid-19, DAS Educational Company has collated and made digital resources available to students to enhance their learning and knowledge and was one of the first schools to engage in online education to ensure education never stops.

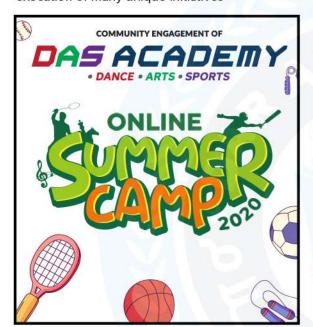
#### What we do -

We constantly add new activities to our portfolio so be sure to visit our website or call us for the latest offerings.

Dance	Arts	Digital Arts	Music	Sports
Bharathanatiyam,	Drawing and	We will be offering	Keyboard, Guitar,	Soccer, Badminton, Karate,
Classical, Semi-Classical,	Painting	2D & 3D Animation activities in the	Violin, Carnatic Vocals,	Cricket, Basket Ball, Volley Ball, Yoga, Table
Fusion, and		near future	and Drums	Tennis, Chess, Carrom, Kid-Fit
Contemporary				& Teen-fit, General fitness,
				Aqua fitness, Swimming, and Water Polo

#### **Community Engagement Activities**

As an industry pioneer, DAS Academy successfully took on the challenge of conducting online activities amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. The virtual gathering of diverse and proactive mindsets constantly sharing revolutionary thoughts culminated in the execution of many unique initiatives



#### A Practical Guide to Keeping Fit at Home

Approximately 150 students attended our webinar on maintaining a healthy lifestyle during the pandemic. Topical areas covered include general benefits of staying fit, setting fitness goals, tracking progress, and staying motivated. The webinar concluded with students demonstrating some basic cardiovascular exercises, and strength and conditioning exercises.

#### **Online Summer Camp 2020**

Another pioneering initiative and probably a first for Kuwait! Approx. 275 students attended our very first summer camp conducted completely online over the course of 4 days. Activities in the form of 30-minute edutainment sessions included Yoga, Chess, Keyboard, Badminton, Dancing, Singing, Cricket, General Fitness etc. attendees received a valuable DAS Academy gift voucher for participation and spot prizes for answering questions posed during the sessions.

#### Virtual Competitions

In collaboration with PromiseKuwait.com, DAS Academy conducted multiple competitions related to Dance, Keyboard, Guitar, Art, and Fitness. Overall, approx. 450 registrations and 250 valid entries were received across all competitions.

#### RECENTLY LAUNCHED VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES

As part of our Covid-19 strategical metamorphosis, DAS Academy inaugurated the following virtual initiatives. Feel free to contact us for further details

#### DAS Online Music School

We strive to foster musical expression and creativity in students through a wide array of musical education courses. Our contemporary student-centered and industry-focused curriculums aim to nurture talent in those pursuing a professional music career, as well as in those pursuing music as a recreational activity. We are passionate about equipping students with the art of music and making DAS Music School a musical gateway to aspiring musicians.

Our current courses include Piano, Keyboard, Saxophone, Guitar, Carnatic vocal, Drums, and Violin. New courses are added periodically so please contact us for the latest offerings.

#### QUOTE

Isolation is an opportune time for transformation #Covid-19



## **DIY life hacks**

Life hacks are clever tips, techniques or shortcuts that make little tasks easier. You can also think of them as creative, improvised solutions to common problems. Let's make life simpler with these easy life hacks:

## Dry your clothes faster

## **Smelly shoes**

## **Tight shoes**

## **Body odor**

If you don't have a dryer and need to dry your clothes quickly, here's what you can do. Place your wet clothing on a dry towel. Roll the towel with the garment inside. Pick it up, and twist it as tightly as possible to squeeze out the excess water. After you've drained the excess water, hang your garment on a hanger to fully dry.

If you have bad-smelling shoes, place a few dry tea bags inside each shoe to absorb the smell. If your shoes are not just smelly but also wet, fill them with a mixture of rice and baking soda and leave for a few days.

If your new shoes feel too tight, here's a way to stretch them. Stuff each shoe with wet newspaper as tightly as you can. Let the shoes dry, and then remove the newspaper.

If you forgot to put on deodorant and you don't want to smell like you've been at the gym, cut a fresh lemon or orange into two halves and just rub it onto your skin. The body odor will disappear.

## **Editorial Team of DAS Digest**

DAS Digest is a collective team effort of our editors at DAS group of schools and we appreciate them for rendering their time and experience generously towards the inception of our maiden newsletter. Their conscientiousness is much appreciated.

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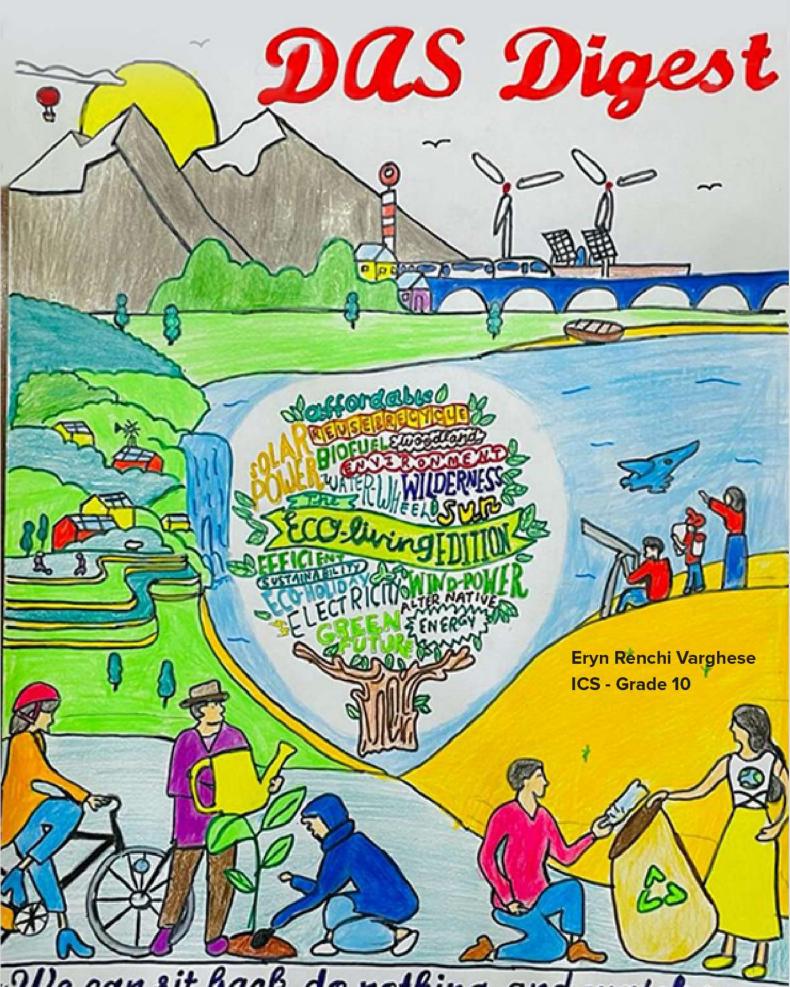
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We can sit back, do nothing, and watch our planet be destroyed. Or we can take action, which are kinder to people and the planet,