

# المدرسة الهندية الوادي الكبير Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir

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Wadi Waves  
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### Principal's Message

ISWK has recently made bold strides not only in the fields of academics and sports but also in quizzing circles and extracurricular activities, setting an example for others to follow. The credit for this goes to our multi-faceted students, the dedicated team of teachers and, of course, the continued support from the School Management.

The present age being that of technological innovation and breakthroughs wields an ever increasing influence on our day-to-day life. Students are not untouched by it. Social media like Face Book, Twitter and Instagram have become an essential part of their self-image and identity.

The students today are expected to make good use of the vast information that is available to them by being efficient navigators to chart out their route to success. However, there is a difference in keeping oneself well-informed through the use of internet to make important decisions regarding one's future, and getting drowned in a sea of information and getting nowhere. You have to be selective in the use of data available to you so as not to lose sight of your goal.

Do not be overtaken by the razzle-dazzle of the world but be resolute and ready for responsibility. Recognize your talents and abilities and continually work to hone your skills. Today's world offers ample opportunity to the youth to launch themselves successfully into the future and also poses tough challenges to be faced before success can be tasted.

My best wishes to you in the forthcoming exams and your bright future ahead!

### Vice Principal's Message



Literature and history are full of people who suffered handicaps, had talents that were inferior to those around them, lived in the worst of circumstances, or faced many defeats.

Yet, many of these people are listed among the winners in life's Hall of Fame.

**Why? What made them achieve it ?**

The secret is , whether you reach success or failure in life, it has little to do with your circumstances; it has much more to do with your attitude...with your faithful courage...with your choices!

You see, non-achievers blame their circumstances; winners rise above their circumstances. While others concentrate on the blank wall that boxes them in; winners always look for a way to get under it, over it, around it, or through it.

Concentrate on your potential instead of your limitations , definitely success will be yours.

I wish the 'editorial team' all the very best for bringing out this beautiful edition of the Wadi Waves.



### 'From The Editor's Desk

G.B. Shaw once said, "I never resist temptation; for things that are bad for me never tempt me". Why is it that most people give in to temptation knowing that it will be eventually bad for them? Yielding to temptation amounts to prioritizing for an immediate reward over something that would pay off later. So, in effect it isn't a struggle toward choosing between good and bad, but between the future and the present.

Suppose you are a sportsperson and want to win the best athlete's trophy. So you decide to start getting up every day at 5 a.m. to train. How wonderful it will be to start off my day with jogging, you tell yourself as you set the alarm clock and slip into bed. Next thing you know, the alarm is going off... it's pitch dark, and you find yourself hitting the 'off' button of your alarm device, thinking, Ugh, no way, and sliding back into the pillow's sweet embrace.

Of course, eventually you do wake up, at which point you realize that you've muffed your chance at being the best for a few moments of comfort. But you couldn't help it. When that cozy pillow was just a few inches away, you embraced it as a big reward compared to your training for the coveted trophy.

When we yield to temptation we are unable to assess the collective value of all the benefits to reap in the future. In any case, even if the future benefits may seem distant and hence hold little value, they collectively can add up to something greater than a single moment of pleasure in the here and now.

When I'm trying to get myself out of bed to work for something I aspire for, I succeed by adding up all the future benefits of my getting up early and gradually advancing toward my goal. But those benefits will only accrue if I keep getting up early. If I don't really believe that I'll be able to keep resisting temptation, then I can't add up those future rewards, because they'll never arrive.

That's how some people are able to win the battle against temptation, and it offers us a strategy how we can do the same. When we realize both the positive and the negative consequences of our decisions, we are able to shape the future that we want for us. While we might be hard-wired to give in to temptation, there is a way for us to fight back.





### Head Boy's Message

We are a part of a family – The ISWK family. Each and every one of us at Indian School Wadi Kabir contributes to the unique identity our school. Our Principal Mr. D.N. Rao often says, "The students are the most important stakeholders of the school". Our school can boast of one of the best student communities where every individual is motivated and creative. As a result, ISWK is known for maintaining high standards in academics, sports and cultural activities.

As a member of the student council for the past four years, I have been fortunate to work with some of the most talented people in our school. At ISWK, you forge everlasting relationships with like-minded people, whether they are your classmates, seniors, juniors or even your teachers!

The teachers at ISWK are always willing to help their students achieve more. I have availed of many opportunities at ISWK, which I may never have got elsewhere. As you flip through the pages of the Wadi Waves, you will see how our students are grabbing the opportunities available to them and are making the most out of them. As students of ISWK, we must work together to make our school the best, and use the resources of the school creatively. We must never forget that we are a part of the ISWK family where we learn so many things that will help us along our onward journey to our glorious future. - **Mayukh Misra.**

### Head Girl's Message



The word school evokes memories that will remain with us forever.

While at school we want to get through it with every inch of our souls, and yet it seems to me that I have already begun to miss school with feelings of nostalgia engulfing me. School is a place in the world where one gets experience, knowledge and limitless care and love.

My advice to my school mates would be to make the best use of their days at school, whether they've got one month, one year or five years of study left. This time period is going to define you. Make use of every opportunity that comes knocking at your door and gain from every experience.

Just like the fact that "Diamonds are chunks of coal that did well under pressure", I urge all students to give their best in all their endeavours and persist even through failures, to never give up on their dreams or to let the spark in their eyes fade. Make memories and leave behind your own, little or big legacies!

Irrespective of everything, you will always emerge as one unique diamond. Best wishes! - **Disha Suresh.**

### Principal D N.Rao Receiving Award For Academic Excellence



**Vishaal Udandarao**  
(Gulf Topper - Science)



**Keziah Elizabeth J.**  
Oman Topper - Commerce



## Vision of Infinity- Inter-School Maths Quiz

### Inter-School Maths Quiz: ISWK Lifts Winner's Trophy

Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir were declared champions among nine participating schools from the sultanate in an exciting mathematical quiz—'Vision of Infinity'. Indian School Al Ghubrah were the runners-up. Mr. Rejimon Kuttapan, Editorial staff of The Times Of Oman, was the Chief Guest.



## Logibizz - Inter - School Business Development Contest

In a unique competition to promote business development amongst commerce students of Indian Schools in the Sultanate of Oman, 'Logibizz' an Inter-School competition was organized by Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir. The contesting teams from six Indian schools, combining two disciplines of Logic and Business, had to present a business plan each, along with an advertisement to promote their chosen product or service to be launched in the country of their residence.

The three rounds to decide upon the winner were skillfully conceived. The Quiz Round kept the contestants as well as the audience in rapt attention as each team struggled hard to gain an edge over their competitors. Three teams out of a total of six qualified for the final round which was in the form of a Question/Answer round based on the respective business plan furnished by the contesting teams.

'SPARKLING NEWBIES' the team from Indian School Seeb lifted the winner's trophy. 'THE ELITES' from Indian School Muscat were second, and 'BRIGHT TYCOONS' from the host school came third.

Mrs. Gargi Chugh, Professor, Marketing and Strategic Management at the Majan College, Muscat, and Mr. A .E. James, Business Editor of 'The Times of Oman' were the adjudicators of the competition.

Students in the audience were shown inspiring videos of successful Indian entrepreneurs who started from very humble beginnings to become world iconic figures in the business world of today.







'Entrepreneurs' Club' of the Commerce Stream, ISWK celebrate "Support Staff Day – a step towards Humanity". Through this activity, the students learnt valuable lessons in dignity of labour.

## U N Model Assembly

### 71st U N Day Celebrated With Gusto

ISWK conducted a Model UN Assembly on October 24 to mark the United Nations Day. Mrs. Gloria Gangte, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Indian Embassy in Oman, was the Chief Guest. Principal D.N.Rao welcomed the Chief Guest as well as other dignitaries and special invitees. Student-delegates from eight Indian Schools in the Sultanate participated in the competition, devised as a model UN assembly, to speak on MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS. 2030 (Sustainable Development).

Five student delegates from each participating school represented a UN member state each, to voice their views on relevant goals which the member state espoused toward achieving sustainable development. Each speaker was allowed three minutes to make suggestions as to how the nation they represented would help achieve UN Millennium Development Goals. The competition was judged by Mrs. Shymala Iyer, Mr. George Meladan and Mr. George Thomas, who are distinguished orators from Toastmasters International.

The Chief Guest, in her speech, stressed the importance and role of the United Nations in bringing peoples of the world together. She also exhorted the students to aim high and to have clear cut goals in life.

Aswathy Vijayakumar of Indian School Nizwa lifted the winner's trophy while Tanmay Selot of ISWK bagged the first runner-up award, followed by Neha Sasidharan from Indian School Muscat.





### ISWK EMERGE CHAMPIONS AT TIMES OF OMAN INTER - SCHOOL QUIZ CONTEST



Rahul R. and Keerthan V. - runners up in the senior category

In a keenly contested Times of Oman Inter - School Quiz, Indian School Wadi Kabir lifted the Champion's trophy (Junior) beating Indian School Muscat and Indian School Ghubra while In the senior section our students were the runners up. The outstanding performance of our quizzing team was lauded by one and all.



Chetan Sethu and Adithya B. Nair won in the junior category

### ISWK HOLDS ANNUAL EXHIBITION



The annual exhibition based on the theme 'Light of Knowledge in Nation Building' was held within the school premises on 22nd of October. Mr. Tawfeeq Abdul Hussain Al Lawati, Majlis Shura Finance Chairman, was the Chief Guest. The entire faculty of Indian School Wadi Kabir depicted the theme expressively in their own spheres of knowledge. The Department of English celebrated the fourth centenary of William Shakespeare, where the students recited sonnets, staged scenes from his famous plays and even made a model of the Globe Theatre. The exhibits from the Social Science Department focused on the role of education in nation building, disaster management, rain water harvesting and evolution of the printing press. The Department of Mathematics put up charts and models on different applications of mathematics and trigonometry in our day - to - day life. String Art, 'Infinite Staircase' and Geometrical Illusions' were among the chief attractions. The Computer Science Department offered several quizzes and games to play along with the exhibits such as cloud computing, working of a robot and many more. A school app developed by the students, Interactive Learning, cartooning of pictures and finding IP address of any website were well appreciated. The main attractions of the Science corner were Revolution in Information Technology, Nanotechnology, Harnessing solar, wind and geothermal forms of energy and ways and means to adopt a healthy lifestyle. A clear evidence of students' creative talent at its best could be seen everywhere.

The Hindi Department focused on the evolution of Hindi literature and its growing popularity worldwide. The French Department displayed a model of the Eiffel Tower and welcomed the visitors with traditional French delicacies. The Department of Commerce highlighted the range of career opportunities available to the students opting for the Commerce stream. The 'career- tree' was an eye-opener for the Commerce students to opt for rewarding careers. The students also enhanced their entrepreneurial skills by selling 'Healthy Food Items' which drew huge crowds.

It was a concerted effort from all the faculties that contributed to the overall success of the exhibition. Impressive exhibits, working models, presentations as well as live performances on display were admired by the students and parents alike.



## Recycle Campaign- Muscat Daily



### ISWK WINS MUSCAT DAILY'S PAPER RECYCLING COMPETITION

Participating for the first time in Muscat Daily's paper recycling competition, ISWK managed to win the First prize. The campaign has taught the students to be more environment-friendly adopting the concept of 'reduce, reuse and recycle'.

Shri Chamu Krishna Shastry, Senior Consultant of language in the Ministry of Human Resource Development of the government of India, and, present torch-bearer of the Sanskrit speaking movement named Samskrita Bharati conducted an interactive session at the school auditorium. Mr. Harshendu Shah, President of the School Management Committee, chaired the conference. Prabhakar Tijare, convenor of Indian Social Club Muscat (Sanskrit wing), Principal D N Rao, HoD of the Sanskrit department Anil Bartare, HoDs, teachers, and other dignitaries graced the occasion with their esteemed presence.

### Sanskrit Day celebration:



### Teacher's Day

#### TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATED

Teacher's Day was observed with great fervour by the teaching as well as non-teaching staff of our school as they came together for fun games and other delightful activities. It brought cheer to the entire staff as they revelled in the celebrations.





## Gavel Club Activities:

Gavel club, an affiliate of the 'Toastmasters International', a non-profit organization and world leader in communication and leadership development, is a platform for the children under 18 enabling them to become confident public speakers and leaders.

Through this club, the school gives an opportunities to all the members to become leaders and effective communicators. As the organizers and coordinators of both Gavel clubs and Toastmasters club, the Department of English hope that students and teachers will come forward to enroll themselves on these clubs to excel with improved communication and leadership skills.

## ISWK Charters Toastmasters Club



The morning of 6th February was a special one for the aspiring leaders and public speakers of ISWK. The school inaugurated three more Gavel clubs on the day taking the number of Gavel clubs to five. In 2014-15, the school nurtured two Gavel clubs and achieved recognition in many competitions organized region wise. When the school thought of starting new clubs, the response from the students and parents was overwhelming. We received 125 application from the students ready to enroll themselves in the clubs.



The clubs were inaugurated by DTM, Mr. Sreekumar Pai. He introduced the Toastmasters associated with the clubs. Different Toastmasters briefed students about the responsibilities of different role players of Gavels clubs. After the briefing the members of each club assembled in five different classes and elected their office bearers.

Since Toastmasters is the world leader in communication and leadership development, the school hopes that it will empower the teachers with improved communication and leadership skills. By regularly giving speeches, gaining feedback, leading teams and guiding others to achieve their goals in a supportive atmosphere, leaders emerge from the Toastmasters programme. As the organizers and co-ordinators of both Gavel clubs and Toastmasters club, the Department of English envisages that students and teachers will come forward and enroll themselves on these clubs to excel in public speaking and leadership programmes.





## Inter - School Hindi Extempore Competition:

‘Winning is not everything, but wanting to is’ – Vince Lombardi

### “BOLIYE EK MINUTE”

To provide a platform to the students of 6th standard to 10th standard for developing their speaking skills in Hindi, an Inter-School extempore competition was organized by Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir. The contest was held in two categories: A – for class 6 to 8, B – for class 9 to 10.

The objectives of the program were:

To develop spontaneity i.e. to think on the spot and express one's thoughts, which channelizes the thought process; to strengthen students' ability in speaking skills as well as developing interactive strategies in oral discourse. All the contestants, full of zeal and enthusiasm drew the attention of the audience. Each individual strove hard to prove his / her competency. In category A, Manya Talati of ISWK emerged as the winner, second place was bagged by Sara Sahab of I S Salalah and there was a tie for the third place between ISG and ISWK. S. Ayaan Jilani of ISG and Vaishnavi Mehta of ISWK emerged to be the second runners-up. In category B, Malika Sood of ISM stood first, Dhruv Tiwari of ISG took second place and Tanmay Selot of ISWK bagged the third prize. The august audience encouraged the participants with an overwhelming response.



## Inter-House English Drama Competition

The drama performances included adaptations of short stories, English novels and plays in the curriculum. Akbar House with their play 'The Bishop's Candlesticks' directed by Roshni Mazumdar, won the first position. 'The Canterbury Redemption' (directed by Sony P.C) - Vivekananda House; 'The Dear Departed' (Directed By Kavita Killam) - Ashoka House and 'The Rattrap Seller' (Directed by Rakesh Sharma) - Tagore House, held the audience spell bound with their remarkable performances. Akinjay Jha of Akbar House was judged 'Best Actor' (Male) while Shibanangi Ghosh and Tammana Chawla shared the title of 'Best Actor' (Female). Sriram N.V of Tagore House and Shredha Suresh of Akbar House were judged 'Best Supporting Actors' in the Male and Female categories respectively.





## Grandmaster Vishwanthan Anand Visits ISWK



Even the hot summer sun could not wear off the enthusiasm of the students who, as part of the school band, welcomed Grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand as the Guest of Honour when he visited ISWK on May 15, 2016. The five-time World Champion of international chess was accompanied by the distinguished members of the SMC, Mr. Ismail Karim of the International Chess Academy of Oman and its President Mr. Ameer Al Raisi.

The school Head Boy and the Head Girl offered floral tributes to the Grandmaster. The program began with the customary lighting of the lamp. A short biopic was shown depicting the journey of the Grandmaster from being a child prodigy to a reigning five-time world champion. The grandmaster in his message to the students remarked that his attaining the title of the grandmaster had not been easy as the target would always elude him by a small margin. It was around then, that he had to take a three month break from chess in order to take his Board Exam. As he returned to the world of chess, after this break, he could realize his dream of becoming a Grandmaster. He addressed the students to realize the

importance of giving ourselves a break, sometimes, to get our touch back, and of setting up short term goals as well as the long term ones. He had an interactive session with the students as he played chess with them, and, during the question answer session, answered their queries. The Chief Guest gave away the prizes to the winners from our school in the recently held chess awareness tournament organized by the International Chess Academy of Oman. The program also saw the felicitation of our Principal, Mr. D.N.Rao, Ms. Prem Lata, the Head of P.E. and Mr. Chandrashekhar, In-charge of the Chess activities for promoting Chess and encouraging the students in the school. It was presented by Mr. Ameer Al Raisi, President of the International Chess Academy of Oman.

As a token of love and gratitude from the ISWK family, Mr. Alkesh Joshi, Honorable Treasurer of the SMC, presented a memento the Honourable Chief Guest, while Mrs. Shilpa Pawani, distinguished member of the SMC presented the mementos to Mr. Ismail Karim of the International Chess Academy of Oman and its President Mr. Ameer Al Raisi. As the program ended, a renewed vigour could be felt surging through the chess enthusiasts of ISWK.

## Onam Celebrations

Once again Mahabali visited ISWK on September 30. Last year too he made his visit with divinity and sanctity. The SMC and Staff welcomed him with 'Panchavadyam' and cultural programmes. The celebration came to an end with a grand 'Kerala style' lunch.





### ISWK Revels In National Day Celebrations

The students as well as the staff of Indian School Wadi Kabir experienced great joy in celebrating the 46th National Day of Oman. Thousands of students from each wing of the school, parents, teachers as well as local residents – came under the same sky on the primary playground to pay their tributes to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said. A huge portrait of His Majesty, placards, banners and Omani flags adorned the entire arena. The students flew into the ground and formed the National Flag of Oman with the message 'I Love HM'. Students belonging to Ashoka and Akbar dressed in their red and green colours formed the flag with Vivekananda and Tagore houses attired in white filled the rest of the flag.

The school choir performed the National Anthem of Oman as hundreds of balloons displaying national colours soared into the air dotting the evening sky. Waving miniature flags in their hands, the procession of revelers was led by Guest of Honour, Harshendu Shah, honorary chairman of SMC along with other board members, Alkesh Joshi, Mr. Biren Patel, Shilpa Pawani, Principal D N Rao, Vice-Principals, academic supervisors, coordinators and Teachers. School students in Omani attire sang national songs and performed traditional dances winning the hearts of spectators. Verses from the Holy Quran were recited by one of the teachers. Faqraj Ur-Rahman, and a student in the middle school, delivered an engrossing speech in Arabic. The lilting melody of the song 'Ye Mera Hai Oman' stirred feelings of national pride in everyone's heart. The event concluded with a local band performing Omani traditional songs as well as a Hindi number (Dil diya hai, jaan bhi deingey, Aei vatan tere liye) Heart's is offered to thee, life will also follow, O my country!)



### ISWK Bags Prestigious 'Oman Tech' Gold Award For Website

In a first-of-its-kind event in the Sultanate of Oman, Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir won the prestigious 'Gold Award' for its website in the 'Education & Careers category', at the Oman Tech Awards competition competed by educational and technical institutions in Oman. Out of a total of five finalists, ISWK school website was adjudged as the best one by an eminent panel of judges. These awards have been instituted with a view to recognize national talent within the Sultanate as well as the expatriate working community, in line with the grand vision of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said of transforming Oman into a sustainable knowledge-based economy, and setting an economic vision towards 2020 of developing the Omani Digital Society.

Mr. John Burke, Director of Operations, Oman Convention Centre, presented the Gold Award to Mr. Harshendu Shah, Honorary President of the School Management Committee, Mr. Biren Patel, one of the eminent members of SMC, Principal D.N. Rao and the IT Team comprising of Mr. Jiju Mathew and Mrs. Guruarchana Sanjay.



Gold Award



## 24TH SPORTS MEET: IMPRESSIVE SHOW OF SPORTING SKILLS



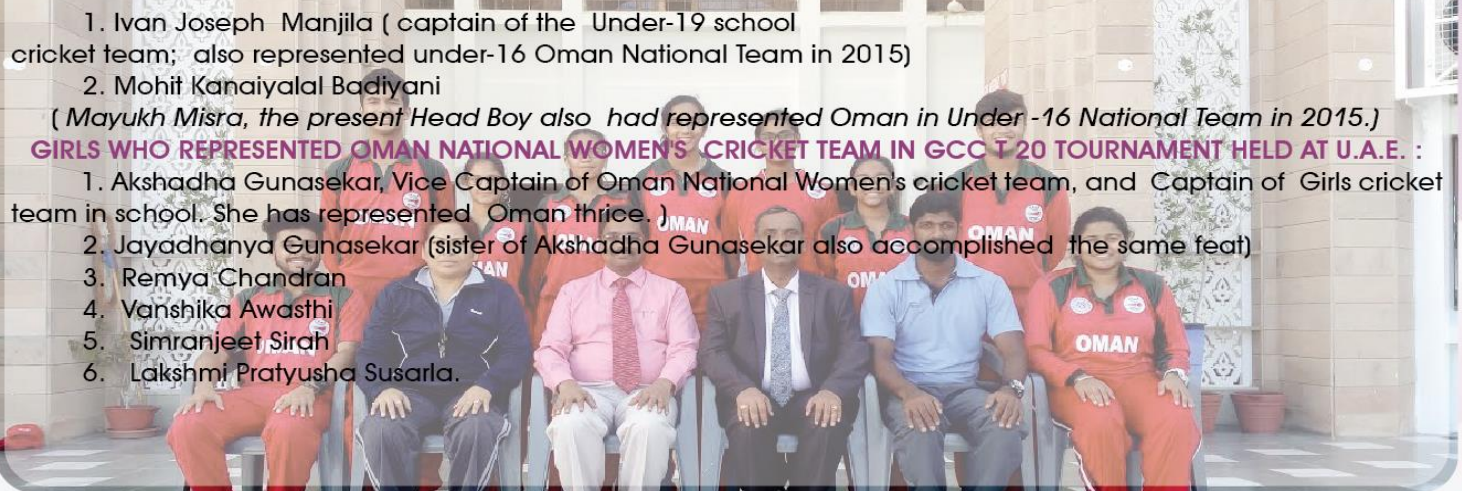
The Annual Sports Meet was held on December 1st, 2016. Mr. Khalifa Saif Rashid Al Essai, Director General of Sports Activities, Ministry of Sports Affairs, was the Chief Guest. Mr. Anil Khimji, Patron of the school, Mr. Harshendu Shah, Hon. President of the SMC along with other esteemed members, parents and well wishers were present on the occasion. It was a sight to behold as colourful balloons soared into the blue sky highlighting the role of games and sports in students' lives. The four Houses namely Akbar, Ashoka, Tagore and Vivekananda in their immaculate turnout, presented a salute to the Chief Guest. The spectators couldn't help applauding as the contingents marched in unison to the beat of the impressive School Band.

In two separate drill displays, about five hundred students of classes 6 & 7, performed Surya Namaskar or Sun Salutation, an advanced yogic posture. It was a sight to behold as these students displayed the flexibility of their bodies with remarkable ease. Additionally, students in a formation drill expressed their love and respect for His Majesty, Sultan Qaboos, by dressing up in National Colours and arranging themselves to declaim in bold letters 'I love Sultan' on the sports ground. In a surprise item the teaching staff ran a relay race.

Students running sprints and relay races were a model of strength skill and stamina as cheered on by the students, the runners put in every bit of their energy to win laurels for their respective House colour. Prizes were given away to the winners of various sports competitions held during the current academic session. Tagore House was declared the Champion House and proudly carried the 'Champion House' trophy in a victory lap around the arena. The evening came to a close with the school band playing the retreat.

### ISWK Cricket

#### ISWK BOYS WHO REPRESENTED OMAN IN UNDER-19 Cricket Team at a tournament held in MALAYSIA:



1. Ivan Joseph Manjila (captain of the Under-19 school cricket team; also represented under-16 Oman National Team in 2015)
  2. Mohit Kanaiyalal Badiyani  
(Mayukh Misra, the present Head Boy also had represented Oman in Under -16 National Team in 2015.)
- GIRLS WHO REPRESENTED OMAN NATIONAL WOMEN'S CRICKET TEAM IN GCC T 20 TOURNAMENT HELD AT U.A.E. :**
1. Akshadha Gunasekar, Vice Captain of Oman National Women's cricket team, and Captain of Girls cricket team in school. She has represented Oman thrice.
  2. Jayadhanya Gunasekar (sister of Akshadha Gunasekar also accomplished the same feat)
  3. Remya Chandran
  4. Vanshika Awasthi
  5. Simranjeet Sirah
  6. Lakshmi Pratyusha Susarla.

#### CBSE Cluster Tournaments



#### CBSE Oman Cluster Table Tennis Tournament



#### CBSE Oman Cluster Hand Ball (Girls) Tournament





## ISWK CHAMPIONS AT SIF INTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

By securing a number of firsts, ISWK emerged overall champions at the two-day Inter-School Science competitions organized by Science India Forum. Dr B N Jagatap of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) was the Chief Guest.

Antariksh Das of class 5 and Tej Prashant Nilkund of class 7 were chosen as Two Sastra Pratibhas while Vaidehee Thakur of Class 10 was declared Sastra Prabha. ISWK emerged the overall champions and lifted the Science India Forum trophy. Students in the Sub-Junior category bagged the Rolling trophy of Sastra Prathiba Contest.

Ms. Jenifer Robinson, HOD Science, and Ms. Remy jointly received the Best Coordinator's award. Ms. Robinson also got the first position in Science Teachers' Conference.

### Winners of Sastra Pratibha Contest(SIF)



**ANTARIKSH DAS**  
**CLASS VI**  
**ISWK**



**DHRUV PRASHANT**  
**CLASS VIII**  
**ISWK**

## 27TH FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATED

Founders' Day on the Primary Wing premises was celebrated in grand style. Mrs. Siddiqah Abdul Majeed Al Lawatiya, Director, International Schools Office, Ministry of Education, was the Chief Guest. Both the National Anthems of Oman and India heralded the beginning of an eventful evening. Mr. Anil Khimji, our Patron, Members of the Board of Directors of Indian Schools in Oman, members of the Indian Merchant Community, Principals of other Indian schools, members of the School Managing Committee of ISWK, and other dignitaries graced the occasion.

In his address to the gathering, Mr. Harshendu Shah, Honorary President of the School Managing Committee, mentioned the time-honoured contribution of the school to the Indians living in Oman, which has already come a long way since more than seventy-five years, in both scholastic as well as co-scholastic fields.







A melodious composition presented by the Hindustani Music choir enthralled the audience with their rendition. The Principal's Report presented by the Principal, Mr. D. N. Rao, projected a slideshow featuring excerpts of key events that took place between April and December 2016.

Then came the felicitation of staff on completion of service for a period of ten, twenty and twenty-five years. Mr. Ernst George Schwan, Vice Principal of the primary wing (Afternoon Shift), who received the coveted 'Excellence in Teaching Award' was also felicitated by the SMC. This was followed by a dance and a welcome song by the kindergarten students, titled 'Fascinating Dreamland', where they urged the parents to spend quality time with their kids and stay connected.

'Splendorous Wonder Work' by the Primary section highlighted the wonders of creation and Man's unique place in it. The presentation also emphasized the sensitivity toward maintaining balance in nature and its protection for better living. The afternoon shift of the primary school in its production 'The Mystical Forest' portrayed the importance of sustainability as the only Paraiso – the paradise is our own planet itself. It refreshed our memory to go more and more sustainably. Our cohabitants on this living planet are the must-have to complete the circle of life and it is indeed our responsibility to preserve them and to live together with them.

Presentation of awards went on in admiration of Vishaal Udandaraao the GCC Topper in Class XII Science stream and Keziah Elizabeth Johnson the Oman topper of Commerce stream who were felicitated for achieving the positions in All India Senior Secondary Certificate Examination evaluated by Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi. 88 students who got Cumulative Grade Point Average of 10 out of 10 in the Tenth standard examination also received awards from the Chief Guest for their remarkable achievement. In addition to these toppers, the special achievers' prizes were given away to boys and girls who represented Oman in Cricket, winners of 'The Times of Oman' and 'Exquizeit' quiz competitions, Shastra Pratibhas (Science) and to those who rendered technical support in software development and designing. The Cock House trophy went to the Tagore House.

It was followed by a performance by the matinee idols of ISWK when the Senior section came with their dazzling dance 'Amazing India' to showcase the evergreen unity in diversity of India. It reiterated the theme of the evening. It reaffirmed that the inner peace can gradually spread from an individual domain to the national arena.

The audience experienced a captivating moment when the curtain was raised for the grand finale which was presented by the Western music choir comprising of 50 violinists and more than 100 singers. The standing ovation all the way through evidenced the talents of these teens. This was a true combination of musical pieces and choral styles to soar the evening's programme to a high crescendo. Mr. Anil Khimji, our Patron, Members of the Board of Directors of Indian Schools in Oman, members of the Indian Merchant Community, Principals of other Indian schools, members of the School Managing Committee of ISWK, and other dignitaries graced the occasion.



## BIDDING ADIEU TO GRADUATING STUDENTS

In the Valediction Ceremony held on 19th February, 2017, Class XII batch of graduating students were given a warm send-off before they appear in the forthcoming CBSE Board examination in March this year.

Mr. Sivam, General Manager, Human Capital Management, Kimji Ramdas- LLC, was the Chief Guest. Members of the School Managing Committee, parents and teachers of the graduating students were present on the occasion. The Chief Guest, in his address to the students exhorted them to believe in themselves and to keep an open mind. He urged them to pursue greatness and remain grateful in their life to remain ever happy. Mr Harshendu Shah, the President of the School Managing Committee blessed the students and wished them all the best in their exams. Mr. D N Rao, the Principal, in his speech reminded the students to remain focused and put in their best in order to achieve success in the Board examinations. In her valedictory address, Disha Suresh, the Head Girl fondly recalled her years spent at school, and the Head Boy, Mayukh Misra offered rich tributes to his teachers and mentors. He nostalgically remembered the good times and how each experience had transformed him into a stronger individual. The Chief Guest gave away awards and mementos to the outgoing students.

Two special awards 'The Ideal ISWK Student Award' and 'The Achiever of the Year Award' were also given away to four students of exceptional caliber. Mayukh Misra of the Science Stream and Akshada Gunasekar of the Commerce stream were declared the 'Ideal ISWK Students'. 'The Achiever of the Year' award was shared by Elizabeth Kuruvilla of the Commerce stream and Sabreenath Madhusoothanan of the Science stream. The audience was regaled by a 'Fusion Dance' presented by the students. The school choir sang 'A Time To Say Good-bye' as they bid adieu to their graduating seniors. The function came to a close with students as well as their parents and guests commingling over dinner.





