

# MIDTERM MAGAZINE



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## LET'S DIG IN! SKBZAPS' MIDTERM INSIGHTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

### INTERVIEW WITH CHAIRMAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES “H.E FAISAL NIAZ TIRMIZI”

For our school's Midterm Magazine, our students had the distinct honor of interviewing H.E. Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, the Ambassador of Pakistan to the UAE and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. This engaging interview allowed our students to gain insights into his journey, vision for education, and thoughts on students' involvement in our school community.



In the interview, the ambassador shared insights from his 31-year career and school life, expressing a fascination for history that influenced his path in diplomacy. He said, “I was very involved in debates, something I really enjoyed... I was part of my school's best team and participated in various competitions.”

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He recalled his graduation day with pride and reflected on envisioning our school as a beacon of excellence, fostering innovation and community engagement. He emphasized inclusivity, ensuring every student feels valued.

He stated, “Excellence is something that you keep on thriving as long as you live. Once you start, don’t stop improving yourself.

Every day should be seen as an opportunity to contribute to others.” He stressed integrating global issues into the curriculum, with core values of education, honesty, and hard work. He plans to engage parents and the community through regular communication and active involvement.

The ambassador is committed to sustainability, advocating for recycling and environmental education. He believes in listening to students to shape the school’s vision and encourages them to care for their environment. He advised, that only one bucket is needed for Wuzoo and that water is a precious resource. He mentioned avoiding waste and litter, recalling how, in Kyrgyzstan, even those with limited means took care to keep their streets clean.

He concluded by reflecting on life’s journey, expressing no regrets and embracing challenges and successes. He shared how he used to wake up at 3 or 4 AM to prepare for school, appreciating the supportive environment created by his teachers.





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## VISION

To provide innovation-based, high-quality holistic education to produce self-directed, emotionally intelligent scholars.

## MISSION

To create a safe and inclusive environment that empowers learners to become skilled global citizens, rooted in national and international values.



## INTERVIEW WITH PRINCIPAL MS. SAMINA SHAHEEN



In an insightful discussion, our principal, Ms. Samina Shaheen, shared her commitment to fostering a safe, supportive, and empowering environment at SKBZAPS. She emphasized that her foremost priority is the well-being of both students and staff, ensuring a nurturing space where everyone can thrive and highlighting the importance of both mental and physical health for effective learning and personal growth.

When discussing the school's vision and mission, Ms. Samina Shaheen expressed her dedication to creating a community where students are encouraged to become well-rounded, emotionally intelligent individuals. She believes that a holistic approach to education will prepare students not only academically but also as responsible, globally-minded citizens. Her vision aligns closely with the school's mission to provide innovation-based, inclusive learning.

Reflecting on her own school days, Ms. Samina Shaheen shared that her favorite subjects were English and, later, Biology. Her love for language and curiosity about the natural world shaped her early academic interests, fostering a lifelong passion for learning that she now hopes to inspire in her students.



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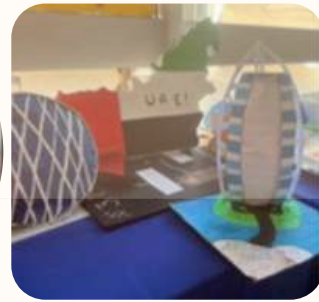
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# NIM (NATIONAL IDENTITY MARK) STUDENTS' PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Students participated in Arabic, Islamic studies, and MSCS projects that highlighted UAE's national identity, promoting unity and patriotism. Through discussions, flag-themed art, and reflections on heritage, the celebration deepened appreciation for UAE's culture and emphasized each student's role in preserving it.



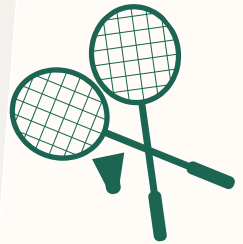


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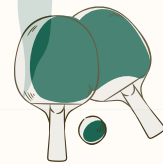


## BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

SKBZAPS recently hosted two exciting badminton tournaments, the BSB and SSB. Jinnah House won in BSB, showing great teamwork, while Iqbal House triumphed in the SSB with skill and determination. These tournaments celebrated athletic talent and boosted school spirit, leaving everyone excited for more!



## TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT



Our school recently held an exciting table tennis tournament featuring skilled players from all houses. Jinnah House emerged as champions, showcasing teamwork, strategy, and determination. Congratulations to Jinnah House and thank you to all participants for their sportsmanship, making the event a great success!







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# Milad-Ul-Nabi

On September 15, 2024, our school celebrated Milad-un-Nabi with a memorable event honoring the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). It began with a Quran recitation, followed by heartfelt naats and inspiring speeches that highlighted the Prophet's kindness, compassion, and humility. A concluding prayer for peace left a lasting impact on all.





# THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION

The Queens Commonwealth Essay Competition is a prestigious platform for young writers to express their thoughts on global issues. Our students demonstrated exceptional talent, producing essays that captivated the judges. Their insightful ideas and unique perspectives highlighted their understanding of today's challenges. We are proud of their achievements and the recognition received, reinforcing our commitment to nurturing the next generation of leaders.

## Gold Awards

## Silver Awards







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# Bronze Awards

**ZAHRA SOHAIL**

**BRONZE AWARD**



*Paul Edmondson*  
Paul Edmondson  
Chair, Junior Judging Panel

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Caroline Haines CC  
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**SALMA WARIS**

**BRONZE AWARD**



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**KINZA GUFRAN**

**BRONZE AWARD**



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**AAIZA RAZA**

**BRONZE AWARD**



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**MARYAM NOOR**

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**HAFSA AMMAR**

**BRONZE AWARD**



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**FARWA SAJJAD**

**BRONZE AWARD**



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**ROMAN NASIB**

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**AYESHA WASEEM**

**BRONZE AWARD**



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# HEALTHY FOOD DAY

## Celebration in Kindergarten

Healthy Food Day in the KG section celebrated nutritious foods that kept kids strong and full of energy! Children learned about the benefits of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and healthy snacks that fueled their growth and play. The event was filled with excitement as they explored and enjoyed colorful foods that supported their health and well-being!



*Kindergarten*



*Healthy Foods*



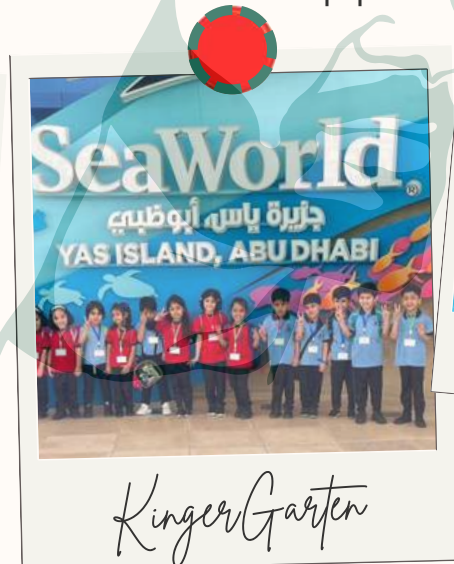
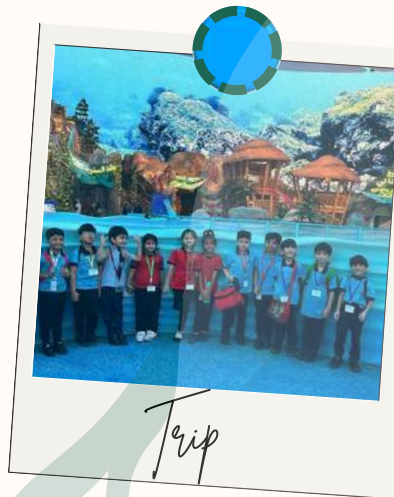
*Stay Healthy*





## KINDERGARTEN TRIP TO SEAWORLD ABU DHABI

On October 7th, our kindergarten students had a wonderful day at SeaWorld Abu Dhabi, where they excitedly observed dolphins, colorful fish, and sharks. The kids participated in engaging activities that taught them about ocean life and conservation. After exploring, we enjoyed a lovely picnic together. A big thank you to all the parents and teachers who made this memorable trip possible!



## NEW ADVENTURES AWAIT IN THE KINDERGARTEN PLAYGROUND!

Our Kindergarten playground has been upgraded with fresh features to inspire fun, creativity, and safe play for our youngest learners. Let the adventures begin!



## FALL SEASON ACTIVITY IN KINDERGARTEN

This fall, our kindergarteners enjoyed fun activities, decorating classrooms with colorful leaves, creating fall paintings, and making a big tree with handprint leaves. We ended with a festive gathering and tasty fall snacks—making great seasonal memories!



## EXCITING ACTIVITIES IN KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS

In kindergarten, we've kept busy with engaging activities! Kids created colorful art, crafted decorations, and explored topics like body parts and wildlife with interactive stories, games, and hands-on projects. It's been a joyful, laughter-filled learning experience!







## FATHERS DAY



Father's Day at our school was a joyful celebration, bringing together students and their dads. The day started with an assembly where students shared heartfelt messages, poems, and songs for their fathers.

Creative activities included crafting personalized cards and gifts, alongside fun games and competitions that fostered laughter and bonding. The warm atmosphere celebrated the love and support fathers provide, highlighting their vital role in our lives and bringing families closer together.



## UPGRADED SCHOOL LIBRARY

At SKBZAPS, our school library is a vibrant hub of learning and discovery, reflecting our commitment to fostering a love for reading. Recently upgraded to enhance the reading experience, it features a diverse collection of books, comfortable study areas, and modern docking stations, offering students both digital and traditional reading options. Regular library classes further enrich the learning experience in this revitalized space, which supports academic achievement, creativity, and critical thinking—making it an invaluable asset for our school community.



# OUR STUDENTS' PHOTOGRAPHS

## A Glimpse Through Their Lens



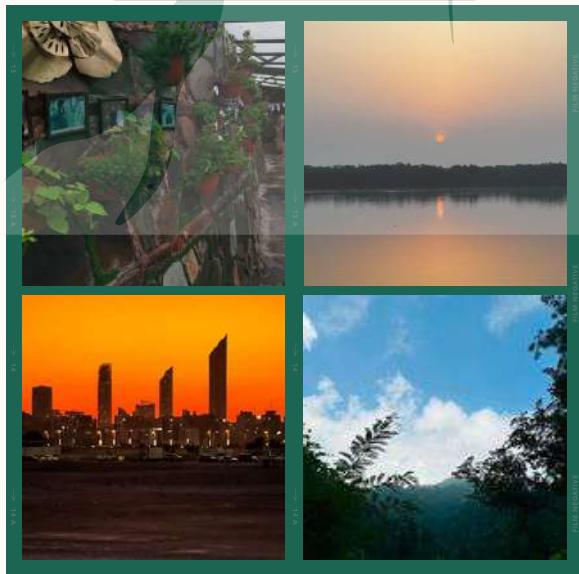
At SKBZAPS, we encourage our students to express their creativity and capture unique perspectives. Their photographs showcase their talent and eye for stunning scenery and moments, reflecting our commitment to fostering an environment where young minds can thrive artistically.



Clicked by Rayan Atiq  
from 10th U



Clicked by Arham Zohaib  
from 10th W



Clicked by Abdullah  
Sameer from 10th U



Clicked by M. Rayan  
from 11th Y



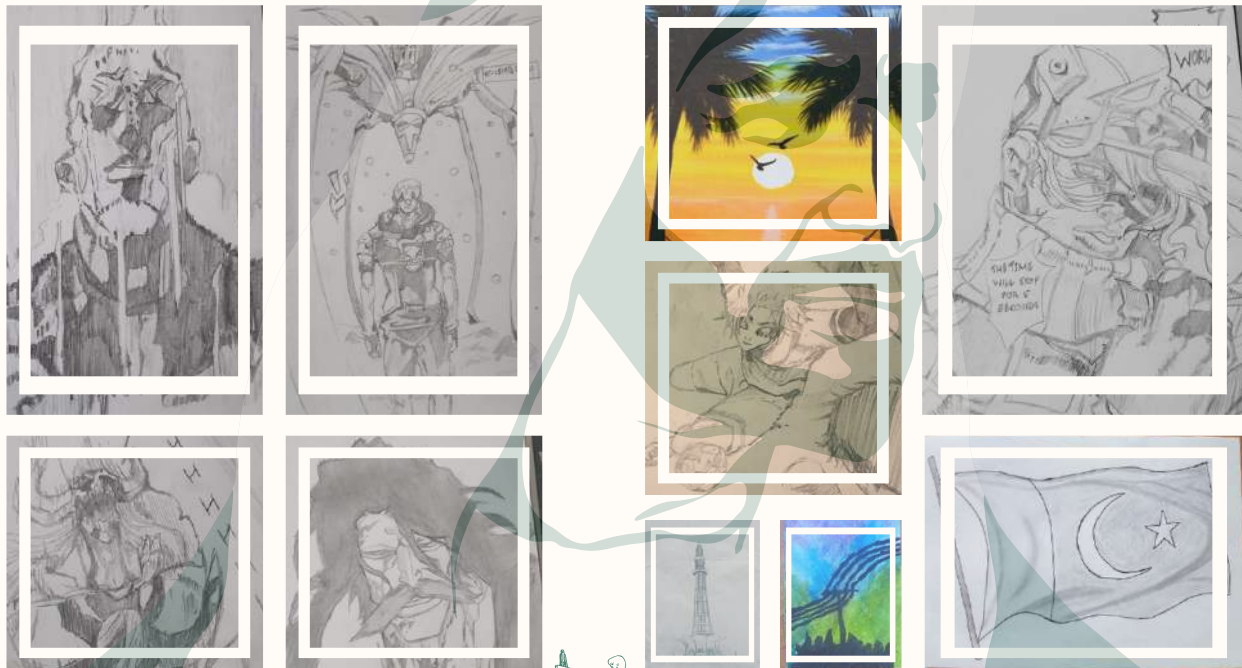


# OUR STUDENTS' ART

## Unleashing Creativity



We are excited to showcase the incredible artistic talents of our students! From vibrant paintings to stunning drawings, each piece reflects their unique perspectives and creativity. We encourage this artistic expression and invite everyone to appreciate and support our young artists, as their hard work and imagination truly shine through in their creations.



Drawn by Abdullah Sameer  
from 10th U



Drawn/Painted by Rayan Atiq  
from 10th U



Drawn/Painted by  
M. Muqet from 9thW



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# ONE ROOT ONE COMMUNI-TREE

## Recycling Project

We are excited to announce that our school is participating in the Recycling Competition organized by EEG under the theme "One Root One Communi-tree." ♻️ We invite everyone to join us in collecting the following items to contribute to this important initiative:

Accepted Items:

Papers: Cartons, old books, and copies. 📄 📖 📅 📁 📂

Plastic: Bottles and other plastic items. 🗑️ 📦

Aluminium Cans: 🥤 🥫

Collection Period:

Start Date: October 4, 2024

End Date: November 5, 2024

Let's show our love for the Earth 🌍 and the UAE 🇦🇪 by participating in our Recycling Project together! Thank you for your support!





## COMMUNITY WELLBEING

At our school, we believe in supporting education beyond the classroom. Our Mathematics department has launched a series of YouTube tutorials to help students reinforce key concepts at their own pace. This initiative offers continuous access to quality resources for clarifying doubts or deepening understanding. We encourage everyone to take advantage of these tutorials to enhance their academic growth and wellbeing.

Students can watch the math tutorials here:

<https://youtube.com/@easymathbyhm?si=GgAffqW2QOqUBlaV>



## EXPLORE OXFORD OWL'S FREE EBOOK LIBRARY!

We're excited to share a fantastic resource for our students and families! Oxford Owl offers a FREE e-Book Library filled with a wide variety of engaging titles that cater to young readers. Whether it's for home learning or cozy bedtime stories, this collection is designed to enhance literacy skills and foster a love for reading. Dive in today and support your child's reading journey!

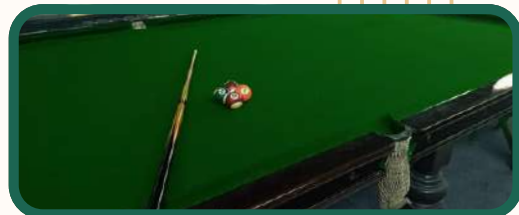
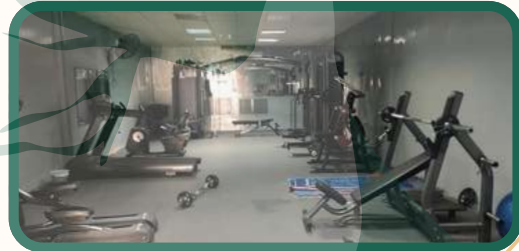
Happy reading!

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>



## STATE-OF-THE-ART SPORTS FACILITIES

Discover the excitement of sports with our upgraded facilities! Whether you're into badminton, snooker, basketball, gym, football, or cricket, we're enhancing your athletic experience. Get ready for a journey filled with fun, fitness, and friendly competition as we bring new energy to our sports programs.







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## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

At SKBZAPS, our students showcase remarkable resilience and dedication in their studies under the FBISE. Their commitment shines through in hours of hard work, collaboration, and extracurricular involvement. With the guidance of supportive teachers, they tackle challenges confidently, building a strong sense of camaraderie. This enriching environment prepares them for academic success and equips them with the skills needed for future endeavors.

## SUCCESSFUL SECOND HOLISTIC PROGRESS REVIEW

We recently held our Second Holistic Progress Review for Term 1 and were thrilled by the strong participation from parents. This event fostered open communication between parents and teachers, allowing for meaningful discussions about each child's progress. We appreciate your commitment to your child's education and look forward to continuing this partnership to support their growth. Thank you for being a vital part of our school community!



# INVESTITURE CEREMONY

We recently held our Investiture Ceremony, a momentous occasion that formally inducted our newly appointed Prefects, Vice Captains, Captains, Deputy Head-Boy/Girl, and the Head-Boy/Girl into their roles. During the ceremony, they received their badges and pledged to uphold the values of integrity, leadership, and service. This event highlighted our commitment to nurturing future leaders and fostering a culture of responsibility and excellence within our school community in the UAE.





# ENTREPRENEURSHIP SHOWCASE

Our recent Annual Entrepreneurship Showcase was an exciting event, filled with creativity and innovation. Students presented their business ideas with enthusiasm, showcasing their hard work and entrepreneurial spirit. Each project highlighted unique concepts, and it was inspiring to see the diverse talents on display.

A big thank you to all the students who participated and to everyone who attended to show their support. This event celebrated our young entrepreneurs and helped foster valuable connections within the community. We're excited to watch these ideas grow and look forward to future showcases!





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## NAJAH EXPO 2024 A PATHWAY TO FUTURE CAREERS

We're excited to share highlights from our visit to Najah Expo 2024, where students explored various career pathways. The event featured industry leaders, workshops, and networking, giving students valuable insights into careers and essential skills. It was an inspiring experience, empowering them to envision their futures with confidence. Thanks to all organizers and participants—we look forward to seeing how our students apply what they've learned!





# FUTURE FEST EDUCATION & CAREER EXPO 2024

On November 3rd and 4th, 2024, SKBZAPS students from grades 11 and 12 attended Future Fest: Education & Career Expo 2024 at the Pakistan Association Dubai. They connected with university reps, participated in workshops on resume writing and university life, and networked with industry professionals. Two students were also gifted laptops for their outstanding participation. The event inspired and motivated our students as they plan their academic and career paths.



# FORGING PARTNERSHIPS FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

During Future Fest, we have agreed to work together on scholarships, teacher training, student counseling, events, and other educational initiatives. Ms. Farhat and Mr. Waseem, Head of the Higher Secondary Section, attended on behalf of Ms. Samina Shaheen, Principal of SKBZ Pakistani School Abu Dhabi. Dawood Khan, Head of Education, and Abu Bakar Imtiaz, Head of PR-PAD, facilitated the MoU process.







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## LAPTOP DISTRIBUTION: A GIFT FOR GROWTH



SKBZAPS is excited to integrate technology into education by gifting laptops to students in Grades 6 to 12, provided by the TT Global Foundation. This donation, at the request of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, aims to enhance students' innovation, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. We encourage students to make the most of this valuable resource.



## ENHANCING LEARNING WITH E-BOARDS

Our school has installed eboards, provided by the TT Global Foundation, transforming classrooms with interactive, multimedia-rich lessons. These tools foster real-time collaboration, boosting engagement and developing critical thinking and communication skills. E-boards are enhancing education and making learning more effective and enjoyable.





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## A HEARTFELT THANKS TO TT GLOBAL FOUNDATION

We sincerely thank the TT Global Foundation for donating laptops, eboards, and printers to SKBZAPS. These tools enrich our educational experience, equipping students for success in today's tech-driven world. Your support is making a lasting impact—

**THANK YOU!**



## INTER-SCHOOL DECLAMATION CONTEST

Students of SKBZAPS shone at the Inter-School Declamation Contest hosted by Islamia English School, Abu Dhabi. M. Ibrahim Shuja (Grade VI-Y) won 1st place in the junior category, and M. Saad Mughal (Grade X-W) secured 2nd in the senior category. Special thanks to Rayan Atiq and Arham Wahid (Grade X-U) for their support. Congratulations to all on this achievement!





## EID AL ETIHAD CELEBRATIONS

SKBZAPS celebrated Eid Al-Etidhad with cultural performances, patriotic activities, and vibrant decorations. Students showcased their love for the UAE through art, essays, and traditional dances, honoring the nation's unity and heritage.



## A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST WITH PRINCIPAL - CELEBRATION OF STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENT



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## Explore SKBZAPS Online: Your Gateway to SKBZAPS

The Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Arab Pakistan School (SKBZAPS) website, found at <https://www.skbzaps.com>, is an informative and user-friendly platform designed to keep students, parents, and staff updated with the latest school activities and resources. The website provides essential information about the school's mission, vision, and values, along with details on academic programs, extracurricular activities, and admissions procedures. Visitors can explore sections dedicated to news, events, and important announcements, ensuring the school community stays connected. With an easy-to-navigate layout, the website also includes resources for both students and parents, as well as contact information and access to the school portal for seamless communication.





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## UPGRADING SCIENCE LABS

Prepare for an enhanced educational experience as we embark on upgrading our Science Labs! Stay tuned for state-of-the-art facilities that will inspire innovation, experimentation, and discovery. Together, let's cultivate the next generation of scientists and thinkers!



## SCHOOL MAGAZINE

We are gearing up to launch our very own school magazine. This platform will serve as a creative outlet for our students, featuring a diverse range of articles, artwork, and insights.

Stay tuned for a compilation that captures the spirit, achievements, and talents of our vibrant school community.

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## PARTNERSHIPS WITH UNIVERSITIES

Exciting Collaborations Ahead! we are doing partnerships with universities to pave the way for our students' brighter futures.

Through these collaborations, students gain access to resources, mentorship, and opportunities for academic and career advancement. Stay tuned for updates as we empower our students to reach new heights!

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS

Our school is launching Continuous Professional Development (CPD) trainings to elevate the quality of teaching and learning! Through tailored workshops and collaborative learning opportunities, our educators will stay at the forefront of educational innovation, ensuring an enriched classroom experience for all students. Stay tuned for updates on our journey towards excellence!





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## Fun Fact

The foundation stone of SKBZAPS was laid at Hadbat Al Zafranah, Dihan Street (also known as Muroor Road) in Abu Dhabi by His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan on August 14, 1974, making our school **50 years old!**

Unity Faith Discipline Tolerance Patience Kindness

